



Arts Uplift CIC Volunteer Role Description

Suitcase Stories Warwickshire Volunteer –

To help out with our Suitcase Stories Warwickshire project. This is a music and heritage project in South Warwickshire supporting people living with dementia and their carers. The project involves small groups working with a member of the Warwickshire Reminiscence Action Project team with themed memory objects to spark memories, and our musicians from Orchestra of the Swan who will be playing music based on the theme e.g. school and work.

We are looking for an enthusiastic volunteer to assist us with the following:

- To sit in on workshops and help talk to participants and carers to make them feel welcome
- To meet and greet participants to the sessions
- To sit with the group and help to get them talking about their stories
- Any other general support, such as serving refreshments, taking the register and other paperwork

- **What skills, experience, and characteristics would someone need to carry out the role?**

Volunteers can come to us with little experience, and Arts Uplift will support you to develop new skills.

Volunteers must be:

- Happy to work as part of a team
- A good listener
- Flexible
- Enthusiasm for heritage or museum objects and music
- Good communication skills
- Reliable with good time-keeping skills

It is desirable, but not essential for Volunteers to have:

- Experience working with a wide range of people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities

- Experience working with diverse and less well-accessed communities and cultural organisations, understanding potential barriers

- **Where will the volunteer be based?**

This is a short-term project at the following venues/dates:

Alcester library 10.30am to 12.30pm

Kenilworth library 2-4pm

Thursdays 2,9,16,23,30 May 6,13 June 4,11,18 July

Please let us know which location you would prefer and if you are able to attend all 10 workshops

- **What support/training can we offer new volunteers**

In the first instance we would ask potential volunteers to come in for a chat or have a phone discussion about the role.

The training would be 'on the job' by volunteering alongside staff and the artists.

We would require a DBS check but can apply for one as necessary

- **Any other comments**

This can be a very rewarding role, you will get to meet and work with all sorts of people in a fantastic environment. It's something a bit different to be involved in.

For further information, please contact Arts Uplift's Director Jenny Davis, jenny@artsuplift.co.uk or 07946 585978