

Title: Volunteer Creative Workshop Leader

Location: Ash Street, Northampton, NN1 3DS

Purpose of the role: Do you have a special skill in the arts? We need creative volunteers to host online workshops with our service users. You would plan, organise, prepare and facilitate lessons based around your skills as an artist and creative. No qualifications needed, just a passion for the arts and helping the underprivileged expand their skills.

Hours: The ideal candidate will commit to one class per week. Please contact us to discuss your availability.

The effects of COVID-19 has meant we have been unable to host our usual workshops, so we are looking for creative's to host online workshops with our service users to expand their creative skills and give them a sense of community once a week/month. Once lockdown regulations have changed, this has every opportunity to be moved to an in person workshop.

What tasks may be involved?

- You will have a discussion with staff which resources you will need for the session if there are any materials which need to be purchased for your session. Once agreed with Shelley purchase the necessary materials needed based on budget restriction.

On the day of the session

- Facilitate the art or craft workshop session.
- Welcome and support new clients.
- Encourage clients to improve their skills.
- Provide positive feedback and clear boundaries to help clients build up their self-esteem and self-confidence.
- Keep attendance records as per Client engagement coordinators instructions.
- Please report any behavioural concerns if not identified prior to session immediately to Shelley.
- At the end of the session please tidy up and clean the art room ready for the next day's sessions. Do get the clients to help you.

After the session

- Follow up feedback with the team
- Discuss any new ideas and ways of working
- When available, assist with planning of Art Exhibitions and/or Art & Craft Sales.

What qualities or skills would be useful?

- A passion for arts and crafts
- Willingness to teach and expand on service users skills
- Must work as part of a team
- Must be reliable and trustworthy
- Must be able to relate to staff, volunteers and customers
- Must have a flexible approach towards undertaking relevant tasks
- Must be sympathetic towards peoples circumstances
- Must respect confidentiality

Our expectations:

- Commitment to one session a week/ month as agreed.
- Adhere to current policies and procedures
- Attend and take part in meetings and training courses as and when required
- Subject to Enhanced CRB check
- Two references required
- Adhere to health and safety
- Must be reliable and trustworthy
- Must be able to relate to staff, volunteers, and customers
- Must have a flexible approach towards undertaking relevant tasks
- Must respect boundaries and confidentiality
- Must not discriminate
- Good understanding of Health and Safety regulations
- Full DBS (can be obtained before you start volunteering)

What would the benefits be for me?

- Induction to the Hope Centre
- Access to training
- Gain experience and new skills
- Enhancement for your CV
- Regular news updates
- Support sessions
- Open door policy to the Volunteer Coordinator and Support Team
- Encouragement to try new things
- Reference after 8 weeks
- Be part of a team with a good ethos
- Increased confidence
- Meeting new people