



ActionSpace Volunteer Role Description

About ActionSpace

Established in the 1960s, ActionSpace is London's leading artist development agency for neurodivergent artists. ActionSpace advocates for diversity within the contemporary visual arts sector by supporting neurodivergent artists to develop their

artistic practice, sell and exhibit work, amongst other creative projects. We seek to make professional careers in the arts a realistic option for neurodivergent artists by nurturing their talent and ambition.

Volunteering with ActionSpace

Supported studio sessions are at the core of what ActionSpace does. During supported studio sessions, an artist facilitator and/or assistant facilitator works closely with neurodivergent visual artists to develop and nurture their artistic practice. ActionSpace artists are often working towards exhibitions, commissions, presentations, or other special projects. Studio sessions are a time for our artists to create new and exciting work with support from their artist facilitator, assistant facilitator and ActionSpace volunteers.

What will you do as an ActionSpace volunteer?

Volunteers are vital to running supported studio sessions and ensuring that all ActionSpace artists feel supported to fully explore their practice and create work. ActionSpace volunteers support the artist facilitators during studio sessions by:

- preparing the studio space and materials
- working with ActionSpace artists on a 1:1 basis to explore techniques, identify interests, refine ideas, research and develop creative projects under the guidance of the artist facilitator and/or assistant artist facilitator
- photographing and archiving works by ActionSpace artists
- undertaking tasks as required by the artist facilitator to manage and maintain the studio space
- occasionally supporting ActionSpace artists to engage with artistic residencies, off-site workshops and programmes, gallery trips, exhibitions etc.

What are we looking for in ActionSpace volunteers?

We're looking for dynamic and creative volunteers who are invested in nurturing the talent and ambition of neurodivergent artists by supporting the development of their artistic practice. ActionSpace volunteers are:

- practicing artists, have a creative practice and/or are engaged with arts and culture
- willing and excited to bring their creativity to ActionSpace
- good listeners who are keen to learn about the individual practice of the ActionSpace artists they'll be working with
- passionate about growing the practice of neurodivergent artists
- passionate about promoting contribution of neurodivergent artists within contemporary visual arts
- organised and great at time-keeping

What will you get out of volunteering with ActionSpace?

We aim to support our volunteers to build skills and experience by:

- attending an induction to ActionSpace with with the General Manager and Pastoral Care Coordinator
- receiving an overview of the group they'll be working with and their specific access requirements from the Pastoral Care Coordinator
- undergoing a 4-week trial on a project to ensure that they are happy and can support the project
- receiving mentoring and guidance from the artist facilitator as a member of the dedicated ActionSpace team
- being made aware of training and other opportunities that arise both inside and outside of ActionSpace which they can access.

What is the volunteering commitment?

Our supported studio sessions occur Monday-Friday. Sessions run for either 4 hours (half day) or 7 hours (full day). We ask that volunteers commit to one day a week for 3 months. Volunteers will be required to undergo a DBS check. After 3 months, we will review the volunteer's role.

Where will you be volunteering?

We have studio spaces in Wembley, Holborn and Clapham Common. Off-site projects take place at various locations across London including in schools, day centres and other settings. Occasionally, we may ask you to accompany artists on trips to galleries and exhibitions around London.

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