



ActionSpace Studio Volunteer - Role Description

Purpose of Volunteer Role

To support ActionSpace's studio sessions in which ActionSpace artists explore their practice and create new work with the support of Artist Facilitators and volunteers.

About the studio sessions

In our supported studio sessions visual artists with learning disabilities are supported by Artist Facilitators 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 and ActionSpace volunteers.

Key tasks:

- preparing the studio space and materials
- work 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 studio's artist facilitator and/or assistant artist facilitator
- undertake tasks as required by the artist facilitator to manage and maintain the studio space
- photographing and archiving works by ActionSpace artists
- occasionally supporting ActionSpace artists to engage with artistic residencies, off-site workshops and programmes, gallery trips, exhibitions etc.

Volunteer specification

We are looking for dynamic and creative volunteers to nurture the talent and ambition of neurodivergent artists by supporting the development of their artistic practice.

Key skills and interests:

- 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 artists with learning disabilities
- passionate about promoting the contribution of artists with learning disabilities in contemporary visual arts
- organised and great at time-keeping

Time commitment:

- One day a week (7 hours) or a half day (4 hours). Studio sessions run Monday - Friday.
- Ideally able to commit for 3 months

Essential:

- Volunteers will be required to undergo a DBS check.

Support and development

Volunteers receive:

- an induction to ActionSpace with the General Manager and Pastoral Care Coordinator
- an overview of the group they'll be supporting and their specific access requirements from the Pastoral Care Coordinator.
- hands-on experience and guidance in our studio sessions of inclusive arts practice, mentored by ActionSpace artist facilitators.
- out of pocket expenses are reimbursed for transport within London and lunch is reimbursed for a full volunteer day, with receipts.
- a 4-week trial on a project to ensure they are happy and can support the project
- updates on training and other opportunities they can access both inside and outside of ActionSpace.

Where will you be volunteering?

We have studio spaces in Wembley, in Holborn and Clapham Common.

Off-site projects take place at various locations across London including in schools and day centres. Occasionally we ask volunteers to accompany artists on trips to London galleries.

Equal opportunities

Volunteers of diverse backgrounds and experiences are supported and encouraged to apply.

How to apply

Complete the application form. If you have any questions feel free to email Flora Bain (Programme Manager) at flora@actionspace.org or call the office 020 7209 4289.

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About ActionSpace

Established in the 1960s, ActionSpace is London's leading artist development agency for artists with learning disabilities. ActionSpace advocates for diversity in the contemporary visual arts sector by supporting artists with learning disabilities 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 learning disabled artists by nurturing their talent and ambition.



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