

ActionSpace

ActionSpace Studio Volunteer Role Description



About the role

[ActionSpace](#) provides supported studio sessions for learning disabled artists at our three studios in London. We also run events and projects for learning disabled artists across London. The aim of this volunteer role is to support the artists' studio practice guided by the Artist Facilitators who run the sessions and events. Volunteers will gain skills and knowledge in how to support self directed art practice in a supported studio.

Qualities and experience

- Practicing artist with knowledge of/ training in technical art skills.
- Willingness to share your own creativity with ActionSpace artists.
- Willing to listen and act with sensitivity towards studio participants.
- Open to new ideas and points of view.
- Reliable and good at time-keeping.
- Flexible and able to adapt to a changing environment.

Main activities/tasks

- Help the Artist Facilitator set up the studio for the artists.

- Prepare and top up artists' materials (e.g. preparing paper, paint mixing) under guidance of the Artist Facilitator, so artists have what they need for their work.
- Guided by the Artist Facilitator support artist participants on a 1:1 basis in the shared studio. This can include helping explore new techniques, identify interests, refine ideas and plan creative projects together.
- Support ActionSpace's Health and Safety policy, including helping to keep the studio tidy and hazard free.
- Tidy up after the session ends.
- Support occasional group trips to galleries and exhibitions.

Please note this role requires references and a DBS check which will be administered by ActionSpace.

Training and support

- All volunteers will receive an induction with the Programme Manager. The Pastoral Care Coordinator can give guidance on supporting artists.
- Volunteers have a 4-week trial to ensure they are happy and can support the project.
- All volunteers receive mentoring and guidance from the Artist Facilitator during sessions.
- Volunteers will be updated with any training or other opportunities that come up in or outside of ActionSpace.

Availability

- Our studio projects happen Monday-Friday during the daytime.
- We suggest volunteers commit to half a day or one day a week for 3 months. The volunteer and ActionSpace can review if they want to continue or not after that.

Location

- Our studios are based in Clapham at Studio Voltaire, near Holborn at Cockpit Studios Bloomsbury and in Brent at ASC Ealing Road Studios.
- Events or trips may take place at other arts venues or galleries in London

Expenses:

- Travel expenses are reimbursed transport within London up to £15 return.
- For volunteers helping for a full day can claim £6 towards lunch.

Main point of contact

- Programme Manager
- The Artist Facilitator will supervise the volunteer during sessions.

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