

Community Arts & Crafts Facilitator (Volunteer)

About the Role:

We are looking for enthusiastic **volunteers** to help run our **Arts & Crafts sessions** for adults in the community. This role involves supporting participants in creative activities such as painting, knitting, crochet, and other crafts, **encouraging social interaction**, and fostering a welcoming environment. No formal experience is required, just **a passion for creativity** and a friendly, patient approach.

- Location: Charterhouse Road Community Centre, Hackney, London
- Hours: Monday evenings (4:00 PM − 6:00 PM), with potential for additional sessions in the future
- **Soluntary Role** (Travel expenses can be covered where needed)

Key Responsibilities:

- Assist in setting up and leading arts & crafts activities
- Support and encourage participants of all abilities
- Help create a friendly and inclusive atmosphere
- Organise and maintain materials and supplies
- Engage with attendees, helping to reduce social isolation

What We're Looking For:

- Someone reliable, enthusiastic, and patient.
- Experience working with young people (formal or informal) is beneficial but not essential.
- An understanding of safeguarding and child protection (training will be provided).
- A friendly and approachable attitude with good communication skills.
- Ability to commit to at least **one evening per week** (Mondays).
- A current **DBS check** (or willingness to apply for one, which we can arrange).
- Those with an interest in arts, crafts, and **community engagement**. A great opportunity to **share skills, meet new people, and make a difference!**

What You'll Gain:

- The opportunity to make a **real difference** in the lives of local children.
- Experience working with young people in a **community setting**.
- Training in safeguarding and youth engagement.
- Being part of a **dedicated and supportive team** making an impact in the local area.

Join us in creating a **safe, fun, and supportive space** for young people in our community!

Time commitment: Flexible – ideally a few hours per week.

Skills Required for a Volunteer Community Arts & Crafts Facilitator

- Creativity Passion for arts and crafts (e.g., painting, knitting, crochet, etc.).
- Communication Ability to engage with people from different backgrounds.
- Patience & Empathy Supportive and understanding, especially with beginners.
- **Teamwork** Work collaboratively with other volunteers and participants.
- Organisation Help set up, manage materials, and keep sessions running smoothly.
- Adaptability Flexibility to assist individuals with different needs and abilities.
- **Encouragement & Motivation** Inspire confidence and creativity in participants.

No formal qualifications are needed—just **enthusiasm**, **a friendly attitude**, **and a desire to make a difference!**

Benefits of Volunteering as a Community Arts & Crafts Facilitator

Volunteering as a Community Arts & Crafts Facilitator is a rewarding opportunity to:

• Make a Difference – Help reduce social isolation and create a welcoming space for people in your community.

- **Develop New Skills** Gain **experience** in facilitation, communication, and community engagement.
- **Boost Your CV** Enhance your skills for future job opportunities in arts, education, or community work.
- **Meet Like-Minded People** Build connections with others who share your passion for creativity.
- **Have Fun!** Enjoy **relaxed, friendly sessions** while sharing your love for arts and crafts.

Your time and creativity can bring joy to others—and you'll gain so much in return!

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How We Support Volunteers with Disabilities or Access Requirements

At **Unity Support Network**, we are committed to creating an **inclusive and accessible** volunteering experience. We can offer:

- Flexible Volunteering We adapt roles to suit your abilities and availability.
- Accessible Venue The community centre is wheelchair-friendly, with accessible facilities.
- **Personalised Support** We will discuss any adjustments you may need to ensure a comfortable experience.
- Alternative Communication Methods We can provide written instructions, visual aids, or other support as required.
- **Peer Support** Other volunteers and team members will be available to assist when needed.
- Reasonable Adjustments If you require additional equipment or modifications, we will do our best to accommodate.

We welcome all abilities and value diverse contributions—let us know how we can support you! 6

Inclusive Volunteering – We Welcome:

At **Unity Support Network**, we believe in **inclusivity and diversity**. We welcome volunteers who are:

- Passionate about arts and crafts
- Friendly, patient, and supportive
- From all backgrounds and abilities

- ✓ Willing to learn and engage with others
- Committed to creating a welcoming space
- ♦ No formal experience needed just enthusiasm!
- ♦ Volunteers must be 18+ and willing to undergo a DBS check (if required).
- ♦ We do **not accept volunteers with unspent convictions** due to safeguarding policies.

Everyone has something valuable to offer—join us and make a difference! 🥎 🦴



