

Volunteer Role Description

Music Group Session Volunteer

Please note that due to the current Covid situation, all volunteering roles will be virtual for the foreseeable future. Please contact our volunteer manager Philippa Higginbottom (philippahigginbottom@soundabout.org.uk) to discuss this and how roles may differ as a result.

Potential time commitment: once a week TBC

Location: Littlemore Village Hall, Littlemore, Oxford, Oxfordshire, OX4 4QB

About Soundabout

Soundabout is a national charity that aims to use music and sound to unlock the potential of children, young people and adults with severe or profound and multiple learning difficulties, including those with autism. Established in 1995, the organisation received charity status in 1997. Since then, we have pioneered the use of music, rhythm and sound to give disabled children and adults a voice, a way to express themselves and be listened to.

What this role will entail

Supporting Soundabout Practitioners with the setup and delivery of our music-making sessions. In the morning we will run an hour's early year (under 5) and family group, including siblings. The 2-hour afternoon session is for adults only, plus family and support staff.

Tasks may vary throughout a session/s. This position would suit someone who has a background in music or working/supporting early years or adults with severe and multiple learning difficulties. This is not essential as full training will be given.

Specific responsibilities and tasks

- Help setup and take down – EG moving chairs/tables, arranging instruments, light cleaning
- Providing a warm, friendly welcome to all attending. Answering any questions and providing information about the session and other upcoming Soundabout events
- Collecting registration signatures, gathering feedback forms, cash handling and receipts
- To participate in sessions giving support to the practitioner and families when directed
- Preparing refreshments during the break

Reporting to: Lead Practitioner (during sessions) and Volunteer Coordinator

Training: All training will be provided dependant on the role and responsibilities

Expenses: Out-of-pocket travel costs between home and volunteering place will be offered. Any reasonable expenses agreed in advance with the volunteer line manager.

How to apply: Please send the completed volunteer enquiry form to philippahigginbottom@soundabout.org.uk or Soundabout, John Eccles House, Robert Robinson Avenue, Oxford Science Park, Oxford, OX4 4GP