

Additional support from Langholm & Tenants Residents Association

### Impact Arts Creative Volunteer Role Description

Role Title:	Creative Ageing Volunteer
Responsible to:	Programme Manager, Creative Ageing Volunteer Co-Ordinator & wider support team.
Where (Location):	Venues: Community venues in Barrhead, Paisley, Johnstone and Linwood.
Time commitment:	1 day a week for 25 weeks over April – October 2018
Role description:	<p>Impact Arts have been connecting communities since 1994, using creativity and the arts to achieve social change. Our mission is to help people and communities transform their lives through engagement with the arts.</p> <p>We work with children, young, older people and communities to achieve our aims. We believe in helping people to remain creative in later life and have supported over 500 older people to access creative activities in the last 5 years. We would now like to support a team of Creative Ageing Volunteers to take this approach wider in to their own communities</p> <p>We know from experience that older people can sometimes become isolated within their own communities so we will assist our team of volunteers to create welcoming environments for them to enjoy and activities to inspire them to create their own work.</p> <p>As one of these volunteers you will be over 18 years old and able to commit to a one day a week.</p> <p>You will receive training from a Volunteer Development Co-ordinator, a Creative Ageing Tutor and our partners who will develop your talent and support you to deliver workshops and regular local showcases to display the work that has been created.</p> <p>You will be supported to gain new skills, make connections, and gain the confidence and knowledge to contribute to the development of your community.</p> <p>You will work towards becoming part of a wider network of Creative Volunteers who will be able to provide you with peer support, share plans, and help co-design programmes.</p> <p>You can also choose to work towards achieving a Community Achievement Award and/or Arts Award as part of this programme.</p>
Main tasks:	<p>On a day to day basis we would ask you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To attend volunteer development training sessions as delivered by our Volunteer Co-Ordinator, the wider Impact Arts staff and our partners.</li> <li>To develop your own workshop ideas with the support of the Volunteer Co-Ordinator and Creative Ageing Tutor.</li> <li>To prepare materials and equipment, prepare artworks for exhibition, set up and tidy away workshops.</li> <li>To support participants on a one to one basis where they require additional help and support</li> <li>To help to maintain safe and protective boundaries</li> <li>To assist staff to document workshops through a variety of means, completing basic paperwork, take photographs etc.</li> </ul>
Main tasks contd.	

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<p>Required skills, qualities and experience</p>	<p>For this role, you should have a keen interest in the arts and a desire to help others.</p> <p>A qualification in an arts or a care related discipline would be desirable but is not essential.</p> <p>You should have a strong desire to make a positive and lasting change in your community and a particular interest in working with older people.</p> <p>Given the nature of the people we work with, it is crucial that you are open and accepting of people from all backgrounds, approachable and empathetic and full of enthusiasm.</p> <p>You should be willing to make a lasting commitment to building the creative future of your community.</p>
<p>Training and support available:</p>	<p>You will receive a fully supported training plan including (but not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protection of Vulnerable Groups</li> <li>• Dementia awareness</li> <li>• Planning and delivery of workshops</li> <li>• Working with groups</li> <li>• Health and Safety (incl. risk assessments)</li> <li>• First Aid</li> <li>• New practical and creative skills and processes</li> <li>• An Arts award (if suitable)</li> <li>• A Community Achievement Award</li> </ul> <p>Necessary travel expenses will be reimbursed.</p>
<p>Any other Requirements</p>	<p>A PVG check will be required (Impact Arts will cover the cost of this).</p>
<p>Recruitment process:</p>	<p>Closing date: April 2018      Interviews: April 2018</p>