

# Hello!



We're looking for friendly and enthusiastic Group Support volunteers to help the **hoot** team during our creative activities for adults.

We're looking for someone who is excited to try out new art forms, is curious about different ways of being creative, and wants to help others to do the same.

- You do not need lots of creative experience to apply, enthusiasm and a desire to learn more is just as important.
- Some experience of mental ill health, neurodiversity and/or learning disabilities would be useful for this role but it is not essential.
- You'll need to be comfortable in a group setting and be able to follow written and verbal instructions.
- You will need to be friendly, respectful, and sensitive to the needs of others.
- You will need either a device to send and receive texts and/or an email address that you check regularly to stay in touch with **hoot**.



**hoot**  
creative arts



*Music made  
by attendees*

## Volunteering at hoot

**hoot creative arts** is an arts and mental health charity that runs creative activities to help people to look after their mental health and wellbeing. Being creative makes us feel good, and it's proven that taking part in something creative helps to tackle feelings of stress, anxiety, and depression.

By volunteering with **hoot**, you will be helping us to combat loneliness, encourage people to build self confidence and challenge the stigma around mental health.

Volunteering with **hoot** gives you:

- Induction and relevant training.
- Experience of working collaboratively with others.
- An insight into group dynamics and running group activities.
- Experience of creating work for exhibition and/or performance.
- Space to try out a range of artistic techniques.
- A Kirklees Volunteer Profile to record your skills and experiences.
- Opportunities to volunteer at other **hoot** events.



**hoot** will also reimburse your 'out of pocket' expenses like travel costs to and from activities and meetings with the volunteer coordinator.

# Role summary



Group Support Volunteers attend our weekly groups and support the **hoot** team to deliver the activity. This might include:

- Welcoming people to the session.
- Helping to set up the room and tidy up afterwards.
- Making drinks for participants.
- Taking part in the activity (singing, music making, creating art).
- Offering creative ideas and suggestions during the group.
- Getting ready to help the group record, perform and showcase work at an exhibition.
- Keeping an eye out for anyone who looks unsure or uncomfortable.



Group Support Volunteer roles are available at the following weekly activities:

**Connect  
Visual Arts  
Tuesdays  
2pm - 4pm  
Dewsbury**

**Connect  
Visual Arts  
Wednesdays  
2pm - 4pm  
Huddersfield**

**Singing  
Thursdays,  
10:30am -  
12:30pm  
Huddersfield**

**Connect  
Music  
Thursdays,  
2pm - 4pm  
Huddersfield**

Groups run throughout the year with breaks similar to a school term. An Enhanced DBS check is required to volunteer and **hoot** will arrange this for volunteers who are offered a role.

We want to support people to volunteer in a way that works for them. If you have any questions about the role and tasks please contact Holly, Volunteer Co-ordinator: [holly@hootcreativearts.co.uk](mailto:holly@hootcreativearts.co.uk) or call 01484 516224.

## How to apply

To apply, complete **hoot**'s online volunteering form

<https://hootcreativearts.co.uk/support-hoot>

**Deadline:** 12pm midday on Monday 11th December



We will be in touch with applicants by the week commencing Monday 18th December and induction and training for volunteers will take place in January 2024.

At **hoot creative arts**, we believe that the arts are for everyone and that's why it's important to us that our volunteering opportunities are open to a diverse range of people. [Read more about our commitment to Inclusion, Diversity and Equity in the Arts on our website.](#)

**We look forward to hearing from you.**