

Digital Photography and Film Volunteer

Where will I be volunteering?

While sleeping rough is the most visible form of homelessness, the causes and consequences of having nowhere stable to live are often much more complicated. That's why we've developed a recovery based approach for our clients, focusing on addressing the issues a person faces to help them move on with their lives.

A big part of this is encouraging clients to engage with activities, either in the accommodation where they live or through our Recovery Colleges. Activities are often someone's first step towards thinking about their aspirations and going on to access services for employment and learning. As a volunteer supporting clients to take part in activities, you will be doing something simple that makes a really big difference.

The Recovery College has 2 Community Hub locations in London. The location for our Digital Photography and Film activities is in Southwark near London Bridge where our Community Hub runs every Monday between 1-4pm

What will I be doing?

As a Digital Arts/Film Volunteer you will be facilitating Photography, Film and editing sessions with groups of clients guided by St Mungo's values. We believe that everyone has strengths, and you need to be able to facilitate sessions in a way that are inclusive and empowering. The ability to encourage and support homeless clients with no previous photography or film-making experience is more important than advanced technical skills. Our clients have expressed an interest in learning Photo editing skills (Photoshop) as well as making short films using their smart phones. Our Recovery College Music group are keen to make music videos for some of the songs they have created over the past couple of years

Working with the clients, you can design the sessions to meet the needs of the participants and take a creative approach to how these are facilitated.

Volunteers must meet the following criteria:

- Experience of, or an interest in, leading Photography, film-making and editing sessions.

- Confidence in leading a group with staff present and the ability to encourage clients to take part who may have no previous experience with Photography or Film
- Basic Knowledge of Photoshop/Premiere or other editing software packages
- Have good communication skills with a friendly and calm manner.
- Understanding of the causes of homelessness and its impact.
- Ability to work with people who may have offending behaviour, substance use and/or mental health, with sensitivity and respect. We particularly welcome applicants with experience of using and moving on from support services.
- Willingness to attend training to develop you in your volunteer role.

What support will I receive?

- Induction training to prepare you to volunteer and access to additional training.
- Regular support from your volunteer supervisor.
- There is a dedicated Volunteer Services team to support your volunteering.
- Out of pocket travel expenses will be reimbursed.
- Volunteering at St Mungo's is a fantastic way to gain skills and experience to enter paid employment in the sector. The organisation has a number of ways to support volunteers to progress within St Mungo's including opportunities to apply to the internal locum bank and long-term duty worker roles after 3 months.

I would like to help:

Please complete the online application form which is available on our website. If you need support with filling out the online application please get in touch.

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