

VOLUNTEER PACK:

Volunteer Music Facilitator

Composed: Musicians Development Programme

About Skillnet Group

We are people with and without learning difficulties in Kent working together to achieve equality.

Skillnet Group is also a social enterprise. As a Community Interest Company, all our profit is put back into supporting the work we do.

- We support people with learning difficulties to speak up, make choices and become powerful and influential. We support them to gain opportunities and become more independent in learning, housing, work, health, money, travel, leisure and relationships.
- We support people to hear, respect and empower people with learning difficulties.
- We promote positive action to challenge negative attitudes about disability.
- We work with local communities so that people with learning difficulties become fully included and no longer segregated.

Purpose of the role:

Composed is a musician's development project for young people (aged between 13 and 25) who have learning difficulties; autism; mental health issues or other challenging circumstances which may be a barrier to participation in creating and playing music. The project is funded by Youth Music and is in partnership with Music for Change. The volunteer facilitator role is to support and assist young musicians develop music and performance skills.



Main responsibilities:

1. To work with young musicians in developing their music and performance skills.
2. Support Music for Change tutor and Skillnet group supporter to set-up and run music sessions.
3. Prompt and encourage young musicians to get involved with music practice.
4. Use photography and video to capture evidence of musical development and performance.
5. Assist with the clearing up at the end of a session.
6. Support young musicians to contact local venues and promoters
7. Support young musicians at gigs and performances
8. Assist with the setting up of equipment for performances
9. Assist with the packing down of equipment after performances
10. To follow all relevant Skillnet Group policies and procedures
11. Be responsible for ensuring that everyone is working in a safe way. This includes understanding and responding to Adult Protection and Young People issues appropriately.

Salary: This position is unpaid. Travel and expenses will be reimbursed.

Hours: Saturdays 10am to 2pm (4 hours per week)

Duration: To start on Saturday 27th May for 28 weeks

Location: West Track Studios, Canterbury

Line Management: Steve Perry (Director of Arts and Education)



Apply online here: <http://skillnetgroup.co.uk/working/pages/volunteering.php>

Person Specification

Essential

You have a passionate interest in music

You can play at least one musical instrument,

You are committed to working with people as genuine equals (we call this coproduction), and supporting them in a way which gives them full choice and control (we call this personalisation)

You are a motivated person and able to motivate other people.

You are able to support people well. This means showing that you understand that people need different types of support at different times.

Very important

You have experience in performing (either in a group or solo)

You are able to present and communicate information in an easy to understand way.

You Understand about Equality and Diversity and put these ideas into practice.

You can listen and not just talk or take over.

You are reliable and punctual. Someone who does what they say they will do.

Desirable

Know about working in a co-produced way and understand why it is important to work in a way that is person-centred.

You have working knowledge of the recording process and experience using DAW's (i.e. Cubase or Logic)

You have experience of using sensory music equipment



