

NHS Lothian Volunteering – Role Description



Role Title	Tonic Art Collection Volunteer
Purpose of the role	<p>NHS Lothian Charity's Tonic Arts Programme has a collection of over 2500 artworks, the vast majority of which are on display across NHS Lothian sites.</p> <p>To maximise the impact of the art collection and to preserve its value, the Tonic Art Collection Volunteers carry out regular inspections of the displayed art and, if they choose to, lead/support engagement activities for patients, staff and visitors.</p>
Where	Acute and community hospitals across Edinburgh & the Lothians.
When	A variety of different times and days to fit with volunteer availability.
Tasks to be undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check artwork & frames for signs of damage/ wear and tear. • Record the condition of the artwork, making detailed notes of any damage. • Flag/code the art works according to damage • Check the art work's interpretation label to ensure it is both present and correctly branded. • Record any issues with interpretation label. • Document the artworks checked & upload image of any damage/ issues to artwork/ frame/ label. <p>Additionally, volunteers can choose to support engagement with the collection by;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leading or supporting tours of collection works • Having conversations with individuals using spaces where works are displayed • Supporting workshop activities connected to the collection • Distributing engagement materials to those in the spaces where works are displayed
Tasks not to be undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hanging or removal of art works
Skills, Attitudes and Experience needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attention to detail and accuracy • Methodical working methods • Commitment to regular volunteering on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest or training in art is desirable but no prior experience or education in the art field is required. • NB: full training will be provided.
Level of Disclosure Scotland Check Required	<p>As part of any volunteering role applicants will be subject to one of the following checks after the interview stage of the recruitment process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For regulated roles – Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme membership. • For all other roles which are subject to a criminal conviction record check – A Police Act check. • For roles not subject to a criminal conviction record check – A self-declaration.
Support /Supervision	<p>Day to day the volunteer will work independently to an agreed plan. Ongoing training and support will be provided to you by the Voluntary Services Team and NHS Lothians Charity Tonic Arts Team</p>
Expenses	<p>Out of pocket travel expenses will be reimbursed in line with NHS Lothian's Volunteer Expenses Procedure</p>
How to apply / what happens next	<p>Complete our online application form here: https://www.nhsllothian.scot/getinvolved/volunteering/online-application-form/</p> <p>Volunteers will be invited to attend a semi-formal interview, followed by mandatory training and a local induction for their chosen role.</p>
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