



Sparkles Volunteer

Ready to change lives—and have fun doing it? Become a part of our Thursday music sessions and make every note count!

Join *Under the Stars* and help empower people with learning disabilities and autism through the magic of music. Volunteer with us to inspire creativity, build confidence, and create moments that matter.

Our Thursday all-female music group is known as the Sparkle Sistaz, and they have performed at venues and events all over Sheffield. Our workshops are where they plan, write, rehearse and record their songs, as well as making videos, practising DJ skills and taking part in other aspects of music production.

About the role – a typical day would include:

- Helping to set up and pack down for music sessions
- Assisting within the group, encouraging, participating and supporting the members to engage with musical activities
- Supporting some of our group members on a pastoral basis if they need one to one time
- Helping the tutors to create a friendly welcoming environment
- Assisting in supporting the groups at break and lunch times – this may involve managing lunch orders or escorting to the café etc

To do this role, you will need the following skills and experience.

- You must be 18 years of age or over
- Musical skills would be an advantage but not necessarily formal music training.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- A friendly, positive, and approachable manner, and a willingness to get stuck in
- An understanding that people have differing needs and will need personalised support/encouragement depending on their abilities.

When you would be volunteering

Ideally, we would like volunteers who can volunteer for a whole day (6 hours) on a Thursday during our opening times which are 9.30am - 3.30pm.

Benefits of volunteering in this role

This is an opportunity to gain experience in a creative organisation and learn more about working with people with learning disabilities. You could have the opportunity to learn facilitation skills if this is something you are interested in. Some of our previous music & theatre volunteers have gone on to paid work with us.

Support

Our music tutors and office staff will give you guidance and support as needed.

**Expenses**

Travel expenses can be paid for the day you volunteer, as well as the cost of lunch (to a maximum £5). Receipts will need to be provided.

DBS

This role does require a DBS certificate, but we will arrange and pay for this.

To find out more, please contact Julia Waldron, Music Programme & Development Manager at Under the Stars.

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