

Role Profile

Role: Regional Volunteer

Background:

Paintings in Hospitals uses art to inspire better health and wellbeing across the UK. We create care spaces that encourage, enrich and empower millions of people every year.

Established in 1959, our charity is now the UK's leading arts in health organisation. Six decades of experience and expertise has enabled us to develop a unique art collection of over 4,000 original works, alongside art projects and engagement activities that transform the experiences of patients, service users and staff.

We know that art contributes to the healing process and we continually evaluate the difference our work makes across a range of settings, including hospitals, hospices, care homes, GP surgeries, cancer centres and special needs schools.

Paintings in Hospitals is recognised by the Department of Health, NHS and Arts Council England as a leading provider of arts in health services. We are the health partner of Arts Council Collection and have recently worked with national museums and galleries, such as the V&A, The Wallace Collection and The Contemporary Art Society (London & Wales).

Responsible to: Regional Coordinator

Key relationships: Regional Volunteer Team, National Coordinator, Head of Collections and Programming, Communication and Development Manager, health and social care partners and their staff, patients, service users and the public.

Main purpose of role: To help Paintings in Hospitals provide an outstanding loan service that promotes health, wellbeing and empowerment.

The Regional Volunteer supports the care of the collection at the regional hub site, prepares artworks before they go on loan and delivers engagement activities (such as tours) to enhance the understanding of the collection. The Regional Volunteer also supports the Regional Coordinator to develop partnerships with health and social sites. They may also support communication and fundraising activities.

Key tasks:

Collections care

- To care for and maintain the display of artworks at the hub site
- To carry out regular condition checks on the artworks at hub site
- To support the hanging of artworks at the hub site
- To photograph and report damage to artworks and forward copies to the Head of Collections & Programming/National Coordinator

Loans Programme

- To prepare artworks for loan including wrapping and labelling as required by the Regional Coordinator or the Head of Collections and Programming/National Coordinator
- To conduct condition reports on the artworks before the artworks go on loan to health and social care sites
- To support the Regional Coordinator with the facilitation of the selection of artworks with health and care organisations.
- To actively highlight potential new health and social care sites to the Regional Coordinator

Engagement

- To create, develop and deliver monthly hub site tours (ArtWalks)
- To support the development of engagement activities

Other

- To attend quarterly volunteer team meetings
- To promote the work of the charity to via social media
- Such other tasks as may be required from time to time from the Head of Collections and Programming and National Coordinator

Qualities and Skills

Experience:

- Working within an arts organisation / the not-for-profit sector / the NHS
- Customer service

Knowledge:

- The visual arts (modern and contemporary art)
- The charity sector
- Arts in Health activities
- The healthcare environment

Skills:

- Excellent interpersonal skills, including the ability to relate well to people from a variety of backgrounds

- Good written and verbal communication skills
- Analytical approach to problem solving
- Ability to work effectively alone and as part of a team
- Positive, confident attitude, committed to motivating others

Notes:

- This volunteer role involves lifting artworks.
- Paintings in Hospitals is keen to receive applications from people who live locally.
- This document is not intended to be a legally binding contract between Paintings in Hospitals and the volunteer.