



Volunteer with Project Ability



Volunteer Programme

We are excited to be accepting applications from visual artists across all art forms, to volunteer with us within our unique art studios.

Our volunteering programme will offer opportunities to artists to gain supported experience within our busy working studios, over the course of a block of workshops. Opportunities are currently available for 2 of our specialist programmes: Aspire and Create. Your experience with us will give you the opportunity to engage with our artists, be inspired by their innovative artistic practices and gain experience of delivering an inclusive arts session.

Opportunities are available from October 2023. Interested artists are invited to complete an application form. All applications and enquires to be sent to our Volunteers Co-ordinator, Tracy Gorman at volunteers@project-ability.co.uk

Deadline for all applications is 25th September 2023.

Good Luck!





About Project Ability

Project Ability supports, encourages, celebrates and platforms diversity within the contemporary visual arts sector. Based in Glasgow, in the award winning Trongate 103 building, we manage an accessible and professional studio as well as delivering a year-round programme of workshops, masterclasses, training and exhibitions.

We reach out and connect people and communities across Scotland. We are a strong and vibrant community of artists and those taking part learn skills and gain confidence from working alongside their peers. Networking and opportunities for professional development enable people to build a career in the art. Our gallery and shop promotes the artists and their work, delights audiences and provides sales opportunities for the artists.

Aspire

Aspire visual arts workshops are for adults with learning disabilities. They take place from Monday to Friday, with two sessions per day. Our workshops have a person-centred approach, with our artists supported to work on themes of interest to them. Our specialist tutors support our artists to develop their individual practices, encouraging them to explore the wide range of visual arts materials on offer including drawing, painting, print-making, sculpture and ceramics.

ReConnect

ReConnect is a visual art studio for those with a lived experience of mental ill health. Our ReConnect studios are open Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, with our ReConnect artists working independently on personal projects. A specialist tutor is on hand to assist with any support our artists may need, from finding materials, discussing thoughts and ideas to helping our artists develop their own art making practices.

Create

Create is our children and young people's programme, which runs on Saturdays and supports young people with disabilities aged 5 to 28. These workshops are again person centred, offering tailored support to our young artists to encourage them to explore a wide range of materials and techniques as they discover their individual art practices and interests.

All of our activities are tailored to the individuals we work with and are fully inclusive.



Role of the volunteer

- To support our studio sessions in either Aspire, Create or ReConnect programmes.
- To offer assistance and get to know our artists, supporting them to explore materials, techniques and ideas.
- To assist our specialist workshop facilitators in our studio sessions. Offering support with set up, locating materials and assisting our artists throughout the duration of any given workshop.
- To be open and willing to share skills and ideas and feel part of our unique community of artists.
- Work 1:1 when necessary, to support an artist within the workshop to get started, find inspiration, to explore techniques and develop creative projects under the supervision and support of the specialist workshop facilitator.

Volunteer Specification

We are looking for professionally trained or undergraduate visual artists, at all stages of their careers.

This role will suit someone who enjoys the challenge and vibrancy of supporting artists from a wide range of life experiences, in their individual art making. We are particularly looking for someone who would be excited to be part of a unique artist community, be open to share ideas and processes, be able to offer support and encouragement and to nurture our visual artists during their time with us in our busy workshops.

Key Skills and interests

- Be an active artist or maker.
- Open to sharing skills and ideas with our visual artists.
- Patient and open to learn from our artists and be understanding of the diverse range of ways that our artists may communicate.
- Willingness to learn and be open.
- Passionate about being part of our unique artist's community.
- Organised, with great at time-keeping.



Applications

Time Commitment

- One day a week (5 hours) or a half day (2.5 hours). Workshop sessions run Monday - Friday for Aspire or Saturday for Create.
- Available to commit for to a block of workshops (Approximately 8 sessions over an 8 week block)

Support and Development

Volunteers receive:

- An induction to Project Ability with the Operations Manager.
- An overview of the group that they will be placed with and ongoing support, from the Volunteers Co-ordinator.
- Hands-on supported experience in our studio sessions, of an inclusive arts practices, under the supervision and support of our specialist workshop facilitators.
- Out of pocket travel expenses, with receipts.
- A review after the end of the block of workshops, with the potential to extend the opportunity for a final second final block of workshops.
- Updates on any training and other opportunities that may become available during their time with us.

How To Apply

Volunteers of diverse backgrounds and experiences are supported and encouraged to apply.

Download and complete the application form. Send your completed application form or any queries to Tracy Gorman (Volunteer Co-ordinator) at volunteers@project-ability.co.uk

