Become an ArtSpeak Creative Workshop Assistant

**Art, Activities and Friendship for Nottingham’s 60+**

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VOLUNTEER CALL OUT -

**About ArtSpeak:**

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ArtSpeak is an outreach arts programme from Radford Care Group with an open invitation for people aged 60+ to get out, get creative, feel good and enjoy life to the full. Through the development of community hubs with an enriched arts programme embedded that meets the interests and desires of participants; ArtSpeak hubs will become social meeting points where an exchange of creative skills and interests can be shared, learnt and developed.

Our belief is that cultural engagement at any age underpins emotional stability and benefits health and wellbeing. ArtSpeak activities will be run in partnership with community and cultural venues in areas easily accessed by public transport. Movement between City wards and the City Centre will be encouraged for participants to benefit from the City’s cultural offer and the full range of activities in the programme.

The sessions will cover art mediums that the participants are interested in and have a desire to learn/develop skills in. We’re talking about the Arts in their broadest context. This could be photography, pottery, poetry, printing, painting, writing etc.

**Volunteer opportunity:**

As a volunteer you’ll be an integral part of the project and we ask that you’re able to commit to at least one day a week if it’s a weekly group, once a month or over a period should we have a festival. Volunteering will be flexible and work for both you and the group you choose to work with.

Responsibilities will vary depending on the ArtSpeak hub however, you can expect the role to include: being the first point of contact for members and working collaboratively with other volunteers, ArtSpeak Ambassadors and venue staff, assisting participants and supporting visiting workshop facilitators and Artists where applicable.

If you have an interest in the arts or are keen to learn more about their positive impact on health and wellbeing, we want to hear from you.

The programme is open to individuals aged 60+ but we welcome volunteers aged 16+.

ArtSpeak is a 3-year funded project but we hope that the Art hubs will continue after this time. We are gradually developing our programme which includes, gallery walkthroughs, creative workshops and courses. Each strand of the work we do will have different voluntary roles associated with it.

No previous experience in the arts is necessary, all we ask is that you have a willingness to try new things and like meeting new people. If you have a skill that you’d be interested in sharing with participants, this can also be worked into the sessions over time.

Essential skills as an ArtSpeak volunteer:

* Excellent communication skills
* A friendly, approachable nature
* Excellent people skills
* Empathy, patience, courtesy and respect when working with others
* The ability to cooperate with project coordinators, staff, the public, artists and facilitators
* Ability to use your own initiative
* Be a good team player

If you are able to commit to working with us on the project for a year or more there will be various training and development opportunities that arise and that will be an important part of the work, you do with us. If you would be interested in becoming a volunteer, please complete the form below and return to [Artspeak@radfordcaregroup.org.uk](mailto:Artspeak@radfordcaregroup.org.uk)

APPLICATION FORM -

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| **PERSONAL DETAILS** | | | |
| Name |  | | |
| Age |  | | |
| Post code |  | | |
| Occupation |  | | |
| Telephone number |  | | |
| Email address |  | | |
| \*Please note that all details will be kept in line with GDPR guidelines | | | |
| **ABOUT YOU** | | | |
| Why are you interested in becoming a volunteer for ArtSpeak? |  | | |
| What skills do you have that would benefit this role? |  | | |
| What experience do you have that would benefit this role? This might be from employment, other voluntary work or personal experience. |  | | |
| How long are you able to commit to volunteering? \*(we understand personal circumstances might change and have an impact on the length of time you can work with us.) |  | | |
| Are you flexible with what area of Nottingham you volunteer in? Please specify any areas that would be favorable. |  | | |
| Please note the maximum number of hours you would be prepared to work each week |  | | |
| **AVAILABILITY \***Please specify the times you are availablebetween 9am and 7.00pm | | | |
| Monday | |  | |
| Tuesday | |  | |
| Wednesday | |  | |
| Thursday | |  | |
| Friday | |  | |
| Saturday | |  | |
| Sunday | |  | |
| **REFERENCE –** Please provide 2 references. Name, telephone number, email contact and the context in which they know you | |  |  |

**What happens next?**

Once we receive a copy of your completed registration form, a member of our team will get in touch with more information on specific opportunities and we can decide together which option best matches your time availability and our needs. You will then be invited to a group induction and training session. Your help will be greatly appreciated and really will make a difference.

**Induction and training**

There will be an induction prepared and delivered by one of our project staff. This will include:

* Some information about ArtSpeak,our vision, mission and our plan for the next three years;
* The role of the volunteer;
* Introduction to some volunteers;
* Information about training and ongoing learning opportunities