

AN INTRODUCTION FOR VOLUNTEERS



DANCE
LIVE!®



ABOUT...

DANCE LIVE![®]

We launched our Dance Live! competition for schools and colleges in 2020 as part of our 'Get Involved' programme, inviting young people between the ages of 7-18 to take to the stage and perform creative dance routines that are choreographed to the backdrop of a giant LED screen.



The event is for all students, whether they are into dance, design, film making, IT, sound & lighting, costume and makeup, with links to Ofsted and the Gatsby benchmarks.

With a focus on raising aspirations and developing off-stage, technical skills, Dance Live! takes participants on a journey before their live performances are constructively judged by industry professionals, with prizes to be won that support cultural activities within the school.

After such a great reception, we have worked through the challenging circumstances of 2020/21 to hold the event virtually, which we are immensely proud of, and of which schools and their pupils were very grateful for. In 2022, Dance Live! will be back and is set to expand to welcome up to 70 schools and colleges with up to 4,000 young people participating. We would love for you to be a part of our story and, together, deliver exceptional opportunities for young people in our region...



WHY SHOULD YOU VOLUNTEER WITH US?



- CPD training sessions throughout the year and leading up to the event
- Skills development and team building opportunities
- An experience of working in a fast-paced, live event environment
- Networking opportunities
- A unique highlight for your CV and future job applications
- Free Enhanced DBS Check and Safeguarding training
- The chance to work in a large-scale venue
- Learn leadership and communication skills
- A fun, exciting working environment with a friendly team

THE ROLE OF PRODUCTION ASSISTANT VOLUNTEERS

All Dance Live! Production Assistant Volunteers will be given a variety of responsibilities during the event such as: liaising with schools and their participants; hosting and directing schools around the venue; acting as Runners during the rehearsals and performances; helping all in the venue to keep to the schedule of the event; aiding with the organisation of participants backstage and assisting with props and lighting.

The Dance Live! Team will arrange for each volunteer's responsibilities to be related to their chosen career pathway wherever possible.

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR

We are looking for a range of volunteers who have interests in the following career pathways to help and engage with our participants throughout our Dance Live! Projects and Events:

- Dance
- Drama
- Technical and backstage
- Event management and production
- Teaching

Each volunteer should be able to attend all recruitment days and training sessions as well as three Dance Live! Heat event dates at a minimum.

We are looking to work with Production Assistant Volunteers that have the following attributes:

- Ability to work independently and part of a team
- Strong communication skills
- An excellent work ethic
- Good organisation skills
- Good time management and reliable transport



THE BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING

Build self-confidence

Meet new people

Problem-solve

Have fun

Be challenged

Increase self-esteem

Improve your university experience

Work in an industry that interests you

Build career skills

Offers a sense of purpose

Be part of a team





SHORT-TERM PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Dance Live! Team are also able to offer short-term university placement opportunities throughout the year to assist with specific course modules, these placements will give an in-depth view of:

Large-scale and small-scale events management

Working with young people

Creating educational resources

Digital marketing experience

Teaching/facilitating performing arts

All placements will be tailored to the student's interests, needs and university course. Opportunities will be provided to network, shadow professionals and have hands-on responsibilities and experience in a subject of your choice.

MORE ABOUT THE ORGANISERS - THE GUILDHALL TRUST

It is the vision of The Guildhall Trust, registered charity 1153358, to become one of the country's leading cultural organisations - inspiring, entertaining and transforming lives.

The Guildhall Trust provides a range of inspirational opportunities through its interactive 'Get Involved' programme which is focussed on supporting the Community, Skills and Creative Career Development and Emerging Artists and Creatives.

The Guildhall Trust manages the iconic Concert and Conferencing venue, Portsmouth Guildhall, and has extensive event management experience producing and managing events including Portsmouth Comic Con – International Festival of Comics, Guildhall Games Fest and Big Mouth Comedy Festival.

Dance Live! is an exciting addition to the Trust's 'Get Involved' programme that is set to grow and develop across the UK.



GET INVOLVED - HOW TO APPLY!

We ask prospective volunteers to complete an application form. To receive a copy of the application form please email the Dance Live! Team at dancelive@portsmouthguildhall.com. A member of the team will be in touch to confirm your form has been received with more information about our recruitment and training days for the year.

A detailed information pack about the competition is available on our website along with videos and photos of past Dance Live! events.

<https://portsmouthguildhall.org.uk/get-involved/schools-colleges/dance-live/>

We understand how daunting taking part in a volunteering placement can be and we are here to support you! If you have any questions or would like to discuss our volunteering opportunities, please don't hesitate to contact us and speak to one of our team.

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COVID SAFETY FOR DANCE LIVE!

We will be following all current Government Guidelines to ensure each Dance Live! event is delivered safely for our participating schools, staff, volunteers and audiences.

All contact between volunteers and the Dance Live! Team will take place in a 'Covid safe' way.

- Volunteers will be provided with a Covid Safe guidance document
- Social Distancing measures will be in place if required
- Clean environment with sanitisation and additional cleaning procedures in place
- 'We're Good to Go' certified venue



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