

## **VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION**

**VOLUNTEER TITLE: Arts & Crafts Volunteer – Tales on the Tyne Art Trail**

**VOLUNTEER LINK: Danielle Harvey – Community Fundraising & Events**

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### **Aims:**

The Tales on the Tyne Art Trail is a celebration of creativity, storytelling and community spirit across Newcastle and North Tyneside. As part of this project, our Community Fundraising Team play a vital role in designing and crafting unique handmade items that help raise essential funds for the trail.

Our partnership with creative producers - The World of Peter Rabbit - adds a special layer of inspiration to this work. While we cannot reproduce or sell items featuring Peter Rabbit – branded fabric, artwork or design templates due to copyright restrictions, we can draw on the spirit of the author Beatrix Potter's deep love for nature and the British countryside, values which beautifully align with the trails theme.

As an Arts & Crafts Volunteer, you'll play a key part in the Tales on the Tyne Art Trail. Inspired by the trails theme, 'A Lovel Letter to the British Countryside', you'll use your creativity, enthusiasm, and hands-on skills to produce beautiful, meaningful merchandise that reflects the charm and diversity of our Peter Rabbit Art Trail.

You'll be part of a collaborative, imaginative team where your ideas and gifts are valued and your creations will be enjoyed by visitors across the region. Every item you make contributes directly to the trails mission of celebrating local creativity, supporting community engagement and sharing the magic of Peter Rabbit, Beatrix Potter and the British countryside with everyone who takes part.

### **When / Where:**

This is primarily a home-based role, offering full flexibility to volunteer at your own pace and within your own community groups or networks. Volunteers are encouraged to source or donate their own craft materials, allowing each person use the tools and supplies they feel most comfortable with.

From time to time, we may invite volunteers to join optional, ad hoc craft sessions or small group meet-ups to collaborate, share ideas or work on specific merchandise projects together. These craft sessions will take place in St Oswald's Hospice, Retail Shops community spaces across the region.

### **Main Tasks:**

Volunteers in the role will help create a range of handcrafted items that reflect the character and charm of the countryside and North East. Activities may include:

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- Designing and crafting small, high quality handmade products such as badges, bookmarks, keyrings, textile, knitted or crochet pieces, and other creative items
- Assisting with finishing touches, packaging and presentation to ensure merchandise looks professional and appealing
- Working collaboratively with fellow volunteers to maintain a consistent style and standard

### **Skills and Experience:**

You don't need to be an expert artist, just someone who enjoys making things and wants to be part of a creative community project. This role is ideal for people who:

- Have an interest in arts, crafts or handmade goods
- Can predominantly support by completing small tasks at home
- Bring reliability, positivity and willingness to try new techniques

### **Additional Info:**

This is a meaningful role in a project that celebrates local artists and community engagement, by joining our Community Fundraising Team, you'll enjoy:

- A chance to directly support the fundraising success of the Art Trail
- A warm collaboration with like-minded individuals
- The satisfaction of seeing your handmade items enjoyed by the public
- Opportunities to develop or share creative skills (optional)
- Have the opportunity, if you wish, to volunteer with others in a friendly supportive environment.

### **Personal Qualities:**

- Are enthusiastic about community fundraising and local charities
- Identifies with St Oswald's Hospice Values and People Charter

<https://www.stoswaldsuk.org/who-we-are/our-values-and-people-charter/>

### **Benefits:**

- A unique opportunity to play a key role in a high-profile cultural event that celebrates Newcastle & North Tyneside, and supports a much-loved local charity
- Volunteering at St Oswald's Hospice gives you the opportunity to make a difference to people at a difficult time in their lives and to support your local community.
- A chance to develop new skills, experiences and knowledge.
- A chance to meet new people and be part of a friendly volunteer community.
- The satisfaction of helping to raise awareness and essential funds for St Oswald's Hospice
- Reimbursement of your travel expenses.



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- The support of a Volunteer Link who is an experienced member of the team.

### Essential Processes/ Training (Internal Info):

- Recruitment Pathway *[Off-site]*
- Minimum age *[18+]*
- DBS check required *[No]*
- Home Working Risk Assessment *[if applicable]*