

SOUNDS FROM THE OTHER CITY

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION – 2017

In return for volunteering with us, we offer:

x1 meal and x2 drinks on the day
A SFTOC T-shirt
A break to enjoy the festival
Our eternal gratitude

How much time does volunteering take?

All volunteers must be available for **at least all day and evening (at least 11am - 12am) on Sunday 30th April 2017** (the festival) and for an **Induction Evening on Wednesday 12th April, 6-8pm at Islington Mill.**

Extra volunteering?

Every year, we ask that around x10 volunteers also join us for the **set-up days on Friday and Saturday** and/or for the **clear-up day on Monday**, in addition to volunteering with us on the Sunday. This will particularly suit those of you wanting to get even more stuck in with the event, and who are happy to get down and dirty with everything from venue décor, to programmes, to running around putting equipment in place....and then after the event, the big clear up! We always have a lot of fun on those days, and everyone gets stuck in!

Please indicate on your Application Form if you'd like to volunteer for these days too.

What does volunteering with us involve?

Big fun! New pals! Sounds in your ears! Volunteering with us an uplifting, community-feel, hopefully hilarious experience...with everyone coming together to make an incredible event happen. We ask that all volunteers are willing to muck in and help where needed. Volunteering throughout the festival usually involves one or all of these roles:

- **Wristband Exchange / Information Point**
Based within Islington Mill you will be part of a team in our fast-paced wristband exchange. You will be right in the centre of things – everyone attending the festival has to come past you! Volunteers helping out here in the early part of the afternoon may be asked to move to a different venue when things quieten down.
- **Wristband checking / Crowd control**
Positioned at the front door of each of our venues will be our amazing volunteers – every person needs to have their wristband checked when they enter the space. This is the most essential role within the whole festival – some of the time you will be the main representative of the festival in that venue and so the role may be quite varied. Depending on the venue you will get a chance to watch the acts playing whilst you're volunteering. This role has a lot of responsibility as you will often be working independently from the SFTOC staff.
- **Break cover**

We appoint a small team of volunteers to break away from their main role and cover breaks throughout the evening. You need to be super responsible and fast on your feet, as you'll be keeping to a schedule and managing quick turnarounds across our large site.

How many hours is it on the Sunday?

Most volunteers join us for around 12.30pm on the Sunday for a briefing, and shifts run from approximately 2pm until between 10pm and 12am. It's a long day, but we give you plenty of breaks and it simply reflects what it takes to run an event of this scale and nature. We appreciate every minute of your time, and we work hard to make sure you have a fun, positive day.

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All Sounds From the Other City volunteers are highly valued as part of the festival team and will receive great experience and support. We ask that all volunteers sign a simple Volunteer Agreement prior to the festival, which details what you can expect from us, and what we would like from you. This will be provided in the Induction Session. For now, a few things you need to know:

- ★ All volunteers must be 18 years or over on their first day of volunteering at Sounds From the Other City.
- ★ All volunteers must be available for at least Sunday 30th April 2017 and for Induction on Wednesday 12th April 2017, 6-8pm. We are very grateful if you are available for the set-up and take-down days too (Friday and Saturday, and Monday), please let us know on your application form.
- ★ We don't take deposits and instead trust our volunteers to fulfil their commitment.
- ★ We ask that once all volunteers are committed to their role that they see it through. We rely on you!! You're important!!
- ★ You have responsibility for arranging your own transport to and from the festival venue/s and for arriving in good time for your shift. Unfortunately, we're not able to offer travel expenses. Most of our volunteers live in and around the Manchester/Salford area.

HOW TO APPLY

If you would like to apply to volunteer please complete the online **Volunteer Application Form**, linked on our website.

The submission deadline is **5pm on Friday 31st March 2017**, however we advise that you **apply as early as you possibly can as places are very limited.**

Applications will be reviewed and places filled on a rolling basis before the deadline.

We receive a high volume of applications, and often more than the places we have

available, so please bob your application in quick sharp!

For any questions please don't hesitate to contact Isla on islakbrown@gmail.com.

We welcome applications from all ages, abilities and sections of the community.

Although we would love to, unfortunately we may not be able to provide volunteer positions to all applicants. We have a small staff and volunteer team and we receive a high volume of applications. If we're not able to offer you a position at this time, we are able to signpost you to other volunteer opportunities in your area.

All applicants will be contacted within 3 working days of the closing date.

THANK-YOU from Team SFTOC!