



Backlit – Introduction

Backlit is a two storey independent art gallery located in the heart of Nottingham, UK. It provides affordable studio spaces for contemporary artists supporting early career graduates, emerging artists and international touring practitioners. It has a strong working relationship with regional and national organisations and universities. It is committed to supporting community engaged projects and provides unique critical sessions for artists working in the city.

The Volunteer Programme provides a platform for people interesting in gaining more experience within the arts sector.

Backlit Volunteer Gallery Assistant – Job, Skills and experience

Role Summary:

The *Volunteer Gallery Assistants role is to oversee the security of the exhibition and monitor artwork to ensure the condition and quality is maintained. To ensure the gallery space is kept clean and tidy. To welcome and engage with visitors, do questionnaires (collect data) and to record audience numbers.

Skills and experience:

- Monitoring and condition checking artwork
- Responsibility for security of artwork and gallery space
- Engaging in critical dialogue with visitors
- Collecting audience visitor's numbers
- Completion and collection of audience surveys (in order for gallery to analyse and evaluate visitor type to inform future activity)
- Knowledge and an understanding of the artwork, artists and collaborators involved
- Representing Backlit as a volunteer member of staff
- Liaising with staff and technicians where and when relevant
- Building a better understanding of how an exhibition is curated and produced
- Working with a team of volunteers following procedures as instructed
- Involvement in a network of volunteers, with the opportunity to run events or dialogues within the Project Space.