

# BACKLIT

## **Volunteer Role: Gallery Assistant x10 (Same as it Never Was - Artist Exhibition)**

If you have an enquiry about a volunteering role, please email [info@backlit.org.uk](mailto:info@backlit.org.uk) or give us a call on 0115 837 2426.

### **Purpose of the role:**

A Gallery Assistant for the 'Same as it Never Was' exhibition at BACKLIT gallery.

A Gallery Assistants job is to be in the gallery when the exhibition is open. They look after the work, speak to the public about the exhibits and enforce any house rules - 'no photography', 'no eating' in the space, 'don't touch'.

### **Date Volunteer is required: (29hrs total)**

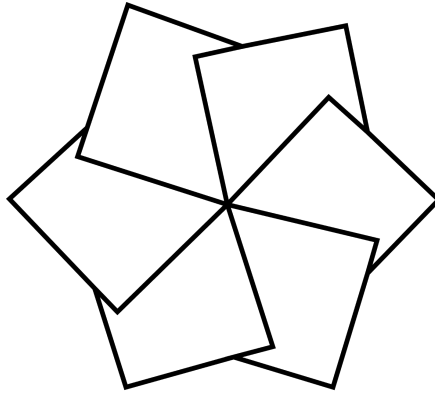
Opening Night	Wed 17th Oct	2hrs 6.30pm-8.30pm
Fixed Exhibition Dates (min 4 days)	Between 19th Oct - 9th Dec	5hrs a day 12pm-5pm
Christmas Party/Fair	8th Dec	2hrs 6pm-8pm
Packing Away & Painting	Between 12th-21st Dec	5hrs a day 12pm-5pm

### **Main Tasks & Activities**

#### **Same as it Never Was**

(18th October - 9th December 2018)

To invigilate on the dates above & 4 selected session during the exhibition.



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## **Skills & Experience Required**

Ideally this opportunity is for someone from an Arts background, is interested in getting into the industry or is currently studying in the Arts.

- Good time-keeping
- Comfortable with interacting with the general public
- Able to follow precise instructions
- Monitoring and condition checking artwork
- Responsibility for security of artwork and gallery space
- Engaging in critical dialogue with visitors
- Collecting audience visitor 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

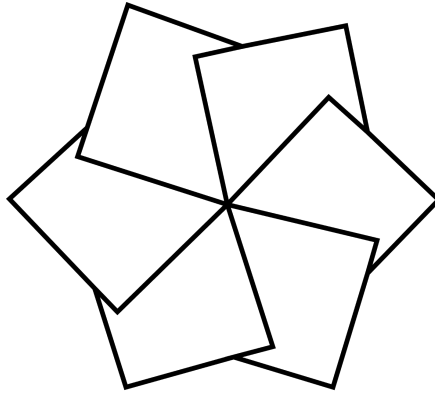
## **Benefits for you**

Any volunteer at BACKLIT will benefit from networking and industry experience, but each role has specific skills development to ensure the perfect match!

Volunteers at BACKLIT can now get structured support as well as having an increased number of opportunities available. As well as benefiting from:

- Networking with local & national Artists
- Developing: Curation, Communication, Creativity, Cohesion
- Mentoring & Friendship
- Confidence & Public Speaking
- Relevant Industry Experience
- Work Experience & Employment
- References
- Community Involvement

In addition you have the opportunity to work as a group to present a response Exhibition in the Project Space 28th-30th November 2018.



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## **Where is it & Who will I be working with?**

'Same as it Never Was' will be exhibited at BACKLIT & this role will be supported by the Volunteer Coordinator and Artists exhibiting at the show.

- All BACKLIT staff & exhibiting Artists

## **Support offered**

### **Advanced:**

- Volunteer Induction
- Initial Interview
- Skills Development Support
- One2One's
- Meeting Attendance

## **Other information**

Interviews will take place Wednesday 3rd October 2018.

Closing date for application is Friday September 21st 2018.

Volunteers must be available for an induction between the 10th & 17th of October 2018.

## **How to apply**

To apply for this role you can complete a [Volunteer Interest Form](#) & an online [application form](#).