

## Volunteering at Rowan Opportunities

### Why volunteer at Rowan?

Rowan is a vibrant, independent, registered charity providing an arts centre and forest school for adults with learning disabilities.

Volunteers play a key role at Rowan and help in a range of areas, including our creative workshops, our forest school Rowan Rangers, at fundraising events and in the office. People volunteer for lots of good reasons:

- Gain useful experience and new skills which can be great for your CV or personal statements
- Try out something new
- Build confidence and self esteem
- Take on new challenges
- Share your skills to help others
- Make more effective life and career plans and give something back to the community
- Do something that is important to you
- Have fun
- Meet new people and make new friends

*“Rowan is a friendly, supportive and safe place” says volunteer Veronica.*

*“It is the happiest place” says volunteer Mark.*

Volunteers at Rowan need to be over 16, although we do have a limited number of volunteer roles for Duke of Edinburgh students working toward Bronze and Silver awards.

## Drama volunteer

The role would involve supporting our drama students and tutor in the workshop.

	Criteria
<b>Relevant experience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drama skills and techniques</li> <li>• Working with vulnerable people</li> <li>• Experience in calm, patient, person centred support</li> </ul>
<b>Any qualifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DBS needed</li> <li>• Personal skills –             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friendly, patient and reliable</li> <li>• Able to work as part of a supportive team</li> <li>• Respectful of individual’s needs, communication styles, and abilities</li> <li>• Keen to learn and open to guidance</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<b>Timings and days</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday, 1pm to 3pm</li> <li>• Thursday, 1pm to 3pm</li> <li>• Friday, half day 9am to 12.30pm and / or 1pm to 3pm</li> </ul>
<b>What will be expected / list of possible tasks / what you will be asked to do</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting students with drama and movement</li> <li>• Providing verbal encouragement and appropriate conversations</li> <li>• Helping set up and pack away equipment</li> <li>• Encouraging independence, confidence and choice</li> <li>• Supporting communication and social interaction</li> <li>• Maintaining a safe, inclusive and respectful environment</li> <li>• Taking part and supporting our annual showcase</li> </ul>
<b>Will there be any training?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guidance on supporting adults with learning disabilities</li> <li>• Safeguarding overview</li> </ul>

If you are interested in applying for this volunteering role, please contact us via the details below or complete the online form on the Volunteering Page on our website.

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