

MK Gallery

Volunteer Programme

MK Gallery's volunteer programme aims to provide anyone with an interest in contemporary art valuable experience working in an engaging, creative environment.

What types of opportunities are available?

Volunteering opportunities include but are not limited to the following:

- **Exhibition Invigilation** - working with the front of house team to maintain the security of exhibitions.
- **Project Space Invigilation** - providing information about the project on display and maintaining the security of the space.
- **Live Guiding** – actively encouraging lively discussion with visitors around the exhibition and providing contextual and historical information.
- **Technical work** - assisting the technical crew during exhibition changeover to clear the gallery spaces and prepare the space for the installation of the next exhibition.
- **Helping out at Private Views and other events** - includes events such as Family Evenings, artist's talks and in conversation events and the Gallery's weekly Scratch Night programme.
- **Exhibition and Event Photography** - volunteers with photography and/or film experience are sometimes required to assist in recording events for the gallery's image archive.

Most volunteer roles require a minimum commitment of one or two shifts per month for the duration of an exhibition or project, but we welcome volunteers wishing to work on an ad hoc basis in roles such as technical work and helping out with Gallery events. Internship placements are also sometimes available within some Gallery departments offering volunteers a chance to shadow staff and learn about different areas of gallery practice including Exhibitions, Marketing, Finance and Administration. These are usually offered on a part-time basis over a limited period of time.

Why volunteer at MK Gallery?

MK Gallery opened in October 1999 and provides the city and region with an exciting venue for the presentation of international contemporary visual art exhibitions and projects. It is now regarded as one of the UK's major contemporary art venues and has attracted over 245,000 visitors to date. MK Gallery volunteers are part of a friendly team of engaging and creative individuals who are committed to the Gallery's aim of building relationships between artists and audiences.

What are the benefits of volunteering at Milton Keynes Gallery?

- Invaluable opportunity to gain experience in an innovative, creative environment and develop skills and knowledge that future employers will find useful.
- The opportunity to actively engage and work with departments across the Gallery including Exhibitions, Administration and Learning.
- MK Gallery reimburses travel expenses of up to £5 per shift worked upon submission of valid receipts and completed expenses forms.
- All volunteers are entitled to an excellent 30% discount in the Gallery Shop.
- Volunteers are invited to the Gallery's annual staff/volunteer party- a great opportunity to socialise and get to know our team even better.
- Complimentary entry to artist's talks and other ticketed events.

Interested?

Download our short volunteer information form or contact Tara Williamson for further information.

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