

Volunteer opportunities – National Glass Centre

Devised by creative ageing charity Equal Arts, the project 'Creative Age' is a project for people living with dementia and their carers. The project provides a relaxed and supportive environment for participants to explore different creative ideas and techniques. We have a well-established group totalling 10 people, most of whom have been attending for over one year.

During weekly sessions at National Glass Centre, participants have worked with artists and gained skills including glass fusing, engraving, sandblasting, stained glass and ceramics. The volunteer role is to provide additional help to participants whilst the session is underway, and some help in setting up and tidying away after the session.

We are looking for volunteers who would be available to attend on a weekly basis to support the participants in their creative endeavours. It is essential that you have experience in visual arts and ideally working with glass or are willing to learn basic techniques. It would be a benefit if you have previously worked with people living with dementia but this is not essential.

Sessions run 2-4pm on Thursdays. In order to provide the best possible support for our participants we are asking volunteers to commit to attend each weekly session but we do appreciate that there will be times when this will not be possible.

To apply to volunteer, please email a short overview of your skills and experience (approximately 200 words) to rachel.groves@sunderland.ac.uk

If you would like any further information please also get in touch via email or call 0191 515 5523.