

# Theatre Hullabaloo Volunteers

## About Theatre Hullabaloo

Theatre Hullabaloo is a pioneering organisation that makes, tours & promotes theatre for young audiences, aged 0 – 16 years old, because we believe that they are the most important audience of all. We are a registered charity and a National Portfolio Organisation of Arts Council England and are proud to bring our work to children in schools and venues in some of the most deprived areas of the country.

In December 2017, we realised our dream and opened The Hullabaloo in Darlington.

## About The Hullabaloo

The Hullabaloo is a venue specifically created for children and families and is an inspiring place to play and learn. We have an exciting programme of performances, workshops, craft activities and interactive play installations for families to engage with throughout the year. The venue is situated on Borough Road in Darlington, on a site adjacent to Darlington Hippodrome, and is managed by Theatre Hullabaloo.

The venue is fully accessible and has great facilities for families to access: child friendly toilets, buggy parking, separate baby change, creative play spaces and a great family friendly café. We have street parking surrounding the venue and we are only a 5-minute walk from Darlington's train station.

Our building is open to the public Monday – Saturday 10am – 2pm so most of our programmed activity happens within these times.

For more information on Theatre Hullabaloo visit our website

<https://www.theatrehullabaloo.org.uk/>

## Volunteers

We are looking for a small pool of volunteers to support our programme at The Hullabaloo across the year.

To apply for a volunteer role please complete the application form and return it to us [by 12pm noon on Thursday 9 January 2020.](#)

## The Hullabaloo Volunteers

In our seasonal programmes at The Hullabaloo we need support with ticketed events, free drop-in workshops and behind the scenes preparatory work. These can range from a 1 or 2 hour commitment through to a whole day (up to 8 hours).

We will have a range of opportunities available, you do not have to be available for all of them. We understand that volunteers often have other commitments so we will be flexible with timings where possible. Similarly, we are a fully accessible building and welcome applications from all backgrounds and circumstances.

With each opportunity/event we will identify which tasks will be needed, for example for a free drop in craft activity, we will need 2 or 3 volunteers to prepare the materials for the craft activity following detailed guidelines from the Programme Coordinator, they will support families making their crafts, welcoming them into the building and help clear away the activity at the end of the session. All tasks will be planned in advance by the Programme Coordinator and designed in a way that will be simple to deliver.

Volunteers may be asked to do a variety of tasks, however during the application process you will be asked which tasks you prefer. This will give us an idea of the areas you are interested in and you will be able to amend this at a later date if needed.

These tasks include:

- Meeting and greeting audiences in to the building in a friendly, welcoming manner
- Supporting artists in delivering workshops (Dance and music)
- Supporting the delivery of simple craft activities
- Preparing materials for craft activities
- Guiding audiences between activities at larger events, taking tickets, answering questions and giving directions within the building
- Participating in larger events, supporting participants as group e.g. Darlington Community Carnival Parade, Halloween Lantern Parade
- Distributing posters and flyers around local venues and at events
- Supporting mail outs in the Theatre Hullabaloo office (packing and addressing envelopes)
- Collecting feedback from audiences
- Act as an advocate for the company, communicating enthusiastically and confidently about our work.
- Work in line with the company's mission, vision and values.

Our venue volunteers are often the public face of Theatre Hullabaloo during events so it is important that our volunteers represent our ethos and values.

You will never be asked to work with children one-to-one. Most, if not all, of our activities encourage parents/carers to participate with their children. For any customer facing tasks there will always be at least two volunteers present.

## Benefits of being a volunteer at The Hullabaloo

As a volunteer you will be working alongside families that visit The Hullabaloo, enhancing their experience while they are with us by supporting them in activities and giving a friendly welcome as they arrive. This has a great impact on audiences and is a great support for our organisation as without volunteer support, we often wouldn't be able to run activities in the building.

If you have an interest in culture and working with families and small children then this could be for you.

In return for your time and commitment as volunteers:

- You will have the opportunity to watch world leading theatre for children and young people
- You will have the opportunity to take part in events at The Hullabaloo
- We will meet you one-to-one to plan the best way to help you develop professionally and personally.
- We will provide opportunities for you to gain experience for a CV or job opportunity
- We will write a reference for you, providing you are with us long enough for us to get to know you and your interests
- You will experience real-life work to maximise professional opportunities and gain transferable skills
- You will meet other volunteers, artists and professionals from across the industry

Volunteers will work alongside the Programme Coordinator at Theatre Hullabaloo.

Desirable skills:

- Friendly and approachable manner
- Ability to work as part of a team and take directions well
- To be proactive and can work independently
- Can be punctual and have good time management
- Is confident when speaking to the public
- Experience of/interest in working within the arts/theatre sector
- Experience of/interest in working with children and young people.
- Safeguarding awareness
- Knowledge of Theatre Hullabaloo's work

All successful applicants will need a DBS check (paid for by Theatre Hullabaloo) and will receive safeguarding training from Theatre Hullabaloo.