



Fuse free community arts festival – 8-10 July – Make it special by becoming a volunteer steward

See <http://fuselichfield.org.uk> for programme details

After last year's 'rest year' Fuse is back, and getting ready to make Summer 2016 one to remember! Many of you will have already been to Fuse over the 10 years or so it's been running. You will know about its special place in the festival life of Lichfield. If you haven't already helped out as a volunteer steward, this is the year to get involved. Come and join us at Beacon Park for 3 days of music across two stages along with arts workshops and family activities for all ages.

What's involved in being a volunteer at Fuse? It's about making sure that everyone has a great time in a safe environment. The key volunteering roles include stewarding the performance and craft tents, meeting and greeting festival goers, providing information to the public, artists etc, supervising car parking and entry/exit points, programme selling and shaking buckets for donations. You'll act as the first point of contact for festival goers and will have plenty of support from experienced volunteers, festival managers and contract staff.

How much time do I have to give as a volunteer? As much or as little as you want. Each shift will last 3 hours and we hope you'll be able to give us this time as a minimum. You might want to cover several shifts, working on different volunteer roles, or join us for one shift and then become a festival-goer. Any time you give to volunteering will be appreciated by the organisers and by the public.

How can volunteering at the festival help me develop my skills and career prospects? You'll have a chance to get experience and develop skills in customer service, working in teams, event administration/support, and can help out with our market research and fundraising. You can add these to your CV and talk about them with potential employers. If you are interested in a career in event management it's a perfect opportunity to get the experience you will need to show in your applications for courses or jobs.

How will I know what to do? We will be organising two volunteer briefing/on-boarding sessions, at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14 June and Wednesday 6 July (venues to be confirmed). At these we'll tell you more about what to expect, and give you a chance to sign up for the times you are available to help. On checking in for your

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volunteer shift you will be briefed on what needs covering during the time you can help us.

Can I volunteer to work alongside someone I know? Definitely. Working with a friend or family member as a volunteer works well, and adds to the fun. You'll also have a chance to meet other volunteers of all backgrounds and ages, learning and sharing experiences.

I'm interested. What do I do next? If you have think you might like to be volunteer steward at Fuse please email me on iwanggriffiths@sky.com and put the dates in your diary. You'll be invited to our initial volunteer meeting in early June when you can find out more and start signing up for times when you are available. If you have questions at this stage please email me to ask them.

Feedback from Fuse festival-goers consistently shows that it is our volunteers who make the festival an outstanding experience. Being a Fuse volunteer steward is a role that you will be valued for. Come and join us this Summer!

Iwan Griffiths - Fuse Volunteer Co-ordinator