

Age & Opportunity

Arts Programme Volunteer Arts and Ageing in Ireland Mapping initiative

Age & Opportunity is the national organisation that provides a range of opportunities for older people who want to get more involved in arts and culture, sport and physical activity, civic engagement and personal development.

Our vision is an Ireland where all older people can be more active, more visible, more creative, more connected, more confident, more often. Our mission is to enable the best possible quality of life for us all as we age.

Our Arts Programme provides opportunities for older people to be more creative more often, to create meaningful participation and representation for all older people in cultural and creative life and to demonstrate and celebrate how our creative potential can improve with age. Our Programme is based on our annual Bealtaine Festival in May and year round resource and development initiatives designed to support artists, arts participants and arts organisations. Our work is primarily funded by the HSE, the Arts Council of Ireland and Sport Ireland.

The role of our Arts Programme Volunteer

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Age & Opportunity's Arts Programme requires a volunteer to support with researching and mapping the current arts and ageing landscape and resources around the country (at both local and national level), for example: Age Friendly Ireland, Libraries, other age sector NGOs, venues with specific arts and ageing programmes/access, arts offices, arts and health resource organisations, Older Persons Councils etc.

This would include:

- Researching key supports and resources which artists, organisations or audiences who are older or work with older people may wish to access.
- Creating a national and county-by-county index of arts and ageing supports available with links to websites and/or contact details.
- Make recommendations on how best to present this information on our website (and possibly working with a designer in relation to an infographic).

Reasons to volunteer

- Utilise your skills, as well as learn and develop new skills.
- Interact and network with a wide variety of people.
- Travel to and attend events in consultation with the festival team (and subject to Government Health guidelines).

- Widen your professional network.
- Learn about the challenges and opportunities in growing older.

How to apply

Email your CV and cover letter, stating why you are interested in being an Age & Opportunity Arts Programme volunteer, to Margaret.roe@ageandopportunity.ie (Or by post to Margaret Roe, HR Manager, Age & Opportunity, Marino Institute of Education, Griffith Avenue, Dublin 9) **by 12 noon, Wednesday 24th November 2021.**

Interviews will be held via Zoom on the afternoon of Wednesday 8th December 2021, although every attempt will be made to accommodate applicants who can't make it on that date.

Requirements

- A third level qualification or equivalent experience that relates to one of the following: Event Management; Arts Administration; Arts Management; Cultural Policy; Music; Festivals; the Arts; Heritage or Charity Sector.
- Excellent communication and organisation skills.
- Experience with MS Office, online conferencing software (Zoom or similar).
- Commitment to the vision and mission of Age & Opportunity and our Arts Programme.
- Ability to work as part of a team, a friendly open manner.
- An understanding of the arts sector and/or not-for-profit sector in Ireland.
- Personally focused to ensure delivery of high standards of work.
- Capacity to work from home, including use of a laptop or computer and internet access.

Time Commitment:

4-8 hours per week between January 2022 and the end of May 2022 but may commence earlier depending on the availability of the volunteer.

Location: Working from home with occasional requirement for attendance at in-person meetings and events, depending on public health restrictions.

Attendance at any Bealtaine performances/events will be free and vouched travel expenses will be covered.

