

Photographer Volunteer

Description

Do you love working with the public, do you have artistic flair and a good eye for detail, do you have a passion for photography and aim to get the best images of your photographic subject matter? We are looking for a pool of volunteer photographers both with professional and amateur experience to help capture the events that take place in our libraries. Our libraries are thriving social hubs for the local community. We organise events for people of all ages with a diverse range of interests. Activities include author festivals, reading and writing groups, teen clubs, children's activities and older people's crafting activities.

The photos you take will be copyright of Vision and used on a diverse range of marketing materials created by Vision, the Volunteer Centre at Redbridge (CVS) and the Greater London Authority (GLA) as part of the Team London Love Libraries initiative. We will be happy to discuss your use of any photos you take, e.g. for building a course portfolio.

Who you are

- You are passionate about creating and taking good photographic images.
- You have access to a digital camera capable of taking high quality images.
- You have intermediate level photography skills and experience.
- You are able to show us a portfolio of previous work.
- You are confident taking photographs indoors and outdoors.
- You enjoy working with people of all backgrounds.
- You have a good command of spoken English and possibly other community languages.
- You have a sensitive, warm, friendly, outgoing personality.
- You are able to make others feel at ease.
- You are responsible and dependable, taking pride in your work.
- You are a good listener, able and willing to follow directions.
- You have excellent communication skills and are able to give instructions in a clear and unambiguous manner.
- You are self-sufficient and can work independently, but feel confident to ask questions should the need arise.
- You inspire fun in the people around you.
- You love your library, wanting to expand and enhance the activities that happen there as well as being an informal advocate of the library within your community.
- You're excited about the opportunity of growing and learning in a fast changing environment.
- You are a lifelong learner and are eager to learn new skills and embrace transformative experiences.
- You are at least 16 years old. There is no upper age limit for volunteering.

A position you will love!

As a Volunteer Photographer, you will:

- Discuss and agree with your supervisor the kind of photos that would best promote the activity.
- Use 'Our photo style guide' for advice and refer to the type of photographs used by other libraries for their publications and websites.
- Arrange with library staff which activities/events you will be able to attend to take photos.

- Liaise with staff organising the event to make sure that we have appropriate permissions to take the photos.
- Download the photos onto a memory stick and deliver it to your volunteer supervisor at the library.

Do you have what it takes?

- Are passionate about photography.
- Have about 5 hours a month to take photographs, select/ edit images and meet with staff. The times you will be required will vary according to the activity you are photographing, but most will be during daytime hours on a weekday and some will be during the daytime in school holiday periods.
- Are an energetic person with loads of enthusiasm with an ability to inspire others.

We are guided by these shared values:

Community Improvement

Pride in Service

Optimistic attitude – We believe that anything is possible!

What will you gain from this experience as a volunteer?

- Learn skills around customer care, confidentiality and health and safety.
- Increase your confidence as a photographer.
- Build a portfolio of examples where your photos have been published (e.g. our website, library posters and leaflets and the Redbridge Do More guide)
- Valuable experience for your CV and a reference if you volunteer for more than 35 hours.
- Personal satisfaction of having your photos published!

Where and when you would be volunteering

- You can take photos at Redbridge Libraries that are running events/activities and are convenient for you. These have to be agreed with your volunteer supervisor in advance.
- All volunteers are placed initially on a one-month trial basis. Volunteers and activities are reviewed every six months.