



AV Festival 10 Volunteer Information

AV Festival 10, the biennial international festival of electronic arts, including visual art, music and film, will take place over 10 days from 5 to 14 March 2010 across the urban centres of NewcastleGateshead, Middlesbrough and Sunderland. The programme is curated around the theme of energy and includes over 20 new commissions, 20 exhibitions, 30 performances, 10 film screenings and 3 conferences.

The Festival occupies some of the region's most outstanding cultural venues including mima (Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art), BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art and Tyneside Cinema. In addition, new works have been commissioned for landmark buildings including the Civic Centre Carillon Bell Tower, Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens and the north tower of the iconic Tyne Bridge in Newcastle. The theme of energy is examined from different perspectives, ranging from kinetic, sound, light and electromagnetic energy to the spiritual and human.

We are looking for motivated and enthusiastic volunteers from across the whole region to get involved with all aspects of the festival. The success of the festival depends on the astounding support of the volunteer team.

We're looking for volunteers...

- with a wide range of skills and experience
- from all backgrounds , at least 16 years of age
- who are able to commit to a minimum of 5 shifts, ranging right up to the whole festival
- who are enthusiastic, committed and flexible
- have an interest in culture and the arts
- know the North East region
- who are confident, outgoing and friendly

Volunteering with AV Festival 10 will provide you with the opportunity to...

- develop new skills
- explore new interests
- enhance your CV
- take responsibility in a challenging but well supported environment
- increase your confidence
- develop networks and contacts

- gain knowledge of events management
- develop communication skills
- improve employability – get a very real ‘foot in the door’
- meet likeminded people and make new friends

We will provide festival volunteers with...

- Induction and Training
- Support from the volunteer coordination team
- Some food and travel expenses
- Volunteer closing party

AV Festival Volunteering Tasks

Here are just some of the tasks you will be able to get involved with as a festival volunteer, if you have a particular interest in one area of the festival or experience you think is relevant, please let us know and we will do our best to match your skills and experience to your role as a festival volunteer.

Event assistance	Taking responsibility for festival hospitality, ticketing, ushering, invigilation and assisting the festival team at previews, openings and VIP events
Artist liaison	Looking after festival artists and VIPs
Documentation	Photographing, blogging, filming and podcasting festival events
Market research	Conducting audience research
Marketing assistance	Promotional support, e-marketing and social media support
Technical assistance	Helping with the installation and running of exhibitions and events
Administration	Supporting the festival team in the day-to-day operations of the festival

How to apply

Please complete the online application form.

www.avfestival.co.uk/volunteer

If you have any questions please contact

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