

# Arts Access: Volunteer Information

## **About the Service**

Artlink's Arts Access service is used by people who have difficulty getting out and about to arts events and venues. This could be because they use a wheelchair or have some other physical disability, a sensory impairment, learning difficulty, mental health problem, or are elderly. We have around 200 clients who go to a wide variety of events including concerts, theatre, cinema, musicals, galleries and museums.

Artlink aims to make going out to enjoy the arts as easy as possible for our clients by providing a door to door service. We arrange the whole outing – booking tickets in suitable seats, and providing venue information. We match up a client and volunteer with similar interests for each outing. As an Arts Access volunteer you will provide transport and company on outings.

## **Volunteers**

Our volunteers come from many different backgrounds, ranging from those in their early 20s up to retired people who have leisure time available. All our volunteers are interviewed, have to provide references, are Disclosure (Criminal Record) checked and receive training before accompanying one of our clients to an event.

Volunteers are asked to commit to around one or two outings a month. This is very flexible and fits around volunteers' schedules and preferences.

All expenses, including travel and ticket costs are covered.

## **Contact**

If you would like more information about becoming a volunteer, please contact the Artlink Office on 0131 229 3555 (option 1) or email: [info@artlinkedinburgh.co.uk](mailto:info@artlinkedinburgh.co.uk)  
Artlink, 13a Spittal Street, Edinburgh EH3 9DY

Website: [www.artlinkedinburgh.co.uk](http://www.artlinkedinburgh.co.uk)

# Arts Access: Volunteer Application Form

Name	Date of Birth
Address	Tel (day)
	Tel (evening)
	Mobile
	Email
	What is the best way to contact you?
Name, address and phone number for emergency contact:	
Previous experience (if any):	

Do you have a car?	Yes / No
What type of car?	
Two door or four door car?	

Would you prefer to escort someone with	
<input type="checkbox"/> a physical disability?	<input type="checkbox"/> mental health problems?
<input type="checkbox"/> a learning difficulty?	<input type="checkbox"/> no preference
Do you have any physical problems (e.g. bad back) that might prevent you from pushing or lifting a wheelchair?	

Entertainment likes
Entertainment dislikes

Names and Addresses of two referees, one of whom should be a previous or present employer (either paid or voluntary employment):

Name	Name
Address	Address

Other comments (including times when you are regularly unavailable):

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How did you hear about Arts Access?

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**Data Protection Act 1998**

In line with the Data Protection Act Artlink is seeking your informed consent to hold your details on our database. We will from time to time send you information about Artlink events and related activities.

**Disclosure Checking of Volunteers**

Having sought advice from Disclosure Scotland formal Criminal Record checks of all Arts Access volunteers will be undertaken.

Please sign below	date
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**Please return this form to:**

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