

Questions & answers regarding becoming a volunteer for the Marina Ballroom Project

Why?

There will be many opportunities to discover new skills at various workshops, the ability to learn about fashion, accessories, music decoration and dance crazes from sixty years ago! The whole project will culminate in a recreation of the Marina Ballroom – part of a major project to redevelop Penarth Pavilion and make it as valuable to the present community as it once was.

What is required?

We need each volunteer to document all activity in a diary, report on key findings, be able to spare some time on an exciting project.

Various fact-finding initiatives will be closely followed by a series of workshops in your chosen field – whether it's design, history, fashion, costume making, dance or music. This project is not only about learning new skills, but it's about the community coming together and collecting precious memories.

Becoming a volunteer for the Marina Ballroom Project . . .

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer but are not sure what you would like to do, the range of opportunities can be overwhelming. There are a number of questions you can ask yourself which will help you select the right sort of voluntary opportunity to suit you:

- Why do you want to do voluntary work? Is it because you have time to spare, would like to make new friends, would like to learn new skills and gain experience, or have skills and experiences that you would like to put to good use?
- How much time can you spare? Can you make a regular commitment of a few hours a week, or are you looking to do something more short term?
- Do you prefer working with groups of people, on a one-to-one basis, or would you be happy to work alone?
- Do you have any specific skills that you would want to use in a voluntary capacity?
- Are you motivated to volunteer for a particular cause? If so, do you know exactly what you want to do or are you prepared to offer your services where they are most needed?
- Are you prepared to undergo training if the work requires it?
- If you are on welfare benefits, do you know how volunteering may affect your entitlement?

Volunteering involves a degree of personal commitment and responsibility but it also brings with it a sense of achievement and fulfilment. Whatever your reasons for volunteering, the most important

advice you can be given is to enjoy what you are doing – with the Marina Ballroom project, we can guarantee you this!

Questions & Answers

Q: Will I be reimbursed for out of pocket expenses?

A: Yes, all out of pocket expenses and travel costs will be reimbursed.

Q: Will I have insurance cover while I am volunteering?

A: Yes, you will be covered by PACL insurance.

Q: Will there be a named person who I can talk to who will be responsible for volunteers?

A: Yes, you will be assigned a course tutor and you will also have contact details for the Project Officer.

Q: Will Volunteers be offered training for this opportunity?

A: Hands-on assistance will be provided.

Q: Where will meetings and workshops be held?

A: The majority of meeting will be held at Washington Gallery in Penarth. On occasions, meetings will be held at other venues.

Q: What are the hours for Volunteering?

A: Hours will vary – workshops however will take place after school and on weekends.

Q: What support is offered to volunteers (eg: social events, meetings, etc)?

A: All Volunteers will be involved with the relevant workshop and assigned a Course tutor. The Project Officer will be on-hand via mobile/ e-mail should a Volunteer wish to contact him/her. All Volunteers will be involved in the grand finale of the re-enactment of a dance to promote the Marina Ballroom project.

Q: Will volunteers be working on their own?

A: Volunteers will not be working in isolation, they may however need to research various historical themes and feedback their findings at the next workshop.