

NORTH COMMUNITY FESTIVAL EDINBURGH

Volunteer Sign-up

Note: If you would like this information in another format please let us know.

When and where is the festival?

The festival is on **Saturday 13th May 2023**, the festival is open 12noon until 5pm.
It is held in the **West Pilton Park** (West Pilton Avenue, Edinburgh, EH4 4BU)

About the festival

The North Edinburgh Community Festival is a free, family friendly and community-led event. It is full of music, activities, talks, stalls, food and there is a community parade!
The festival has been designed by the community of North Edinburgh and it ran for the first time last year.

The best way to learn about the festival is to watch the film about the creation of the festival made by the Guardian and Screen Education Edinburgh (a film training organisation based in the heart of Pilton).

The film is just over 20 minutes long, so get comfy, maybe get a hot drink and enjoy this wonderful documentary of last years the festival.

Watch the film here - <https://www.screen-ed.org/News/made-in-north-edinburgh>

Why we need volunteers

Volunteers play a huge role in ensuring the success of this community festival, helping to keep it a welcoming and safe space for all.

We have a variety of volunteering roles which will suit different interests and abilities.

We need volunteers to help **before the festival**; to build the festival, help the stalls to sign in and find their pitch.

We need volunteers to help **during the festival**; to help welcome the community to the park, help us run our social media, help to supervise the various zones within the park, and help with sharing information with the community.

We then need help **after the festival**; evaluating and packing everything away until next year!

We need help from 8am until 8pm. You can volunteer for as long as you are able to.

We will talk to you more about the specific roles and different shifts once you have got in touch.

We will then work with you to ensure you have the role that works for you. This might even mean designing a specific role for you!

Why Volunteer?

There are many reasons to volunteer, you may be passionate about the festival and want to get involved, or you may want to get some experience in events. There are many benefits to giving your time to this festival that will be personal to you, but if you are trying to work out if volunteering is for you, here are some reasons!

Helping the community and meeting new people

This festival has been created by the community, for the community and it will celebrate and showcase the amazing people and talents of North Edinburgh. So, helping make this festival a success is helping the North Edinburgh community! After a shift volunteering with us you will be able to go home feeling proud of what you've achieved.

Volunteering with this festival is a great way of getting to know the community for the first time, or strengthening your connection with it. Whether you have connections to the area or not, we would love to get to know you. You will get to meet the lovely team, the community as well as fellow volunteers.

Volunteering is a wonderful way to help the community, to meet new people and maybe meet life long friends!

Work experience

Volunteering is a great opportunity to see and be part of the inner workings of the festival. You will be behind the scenes getting to see what it takes to make the festival run smoothly and safely. Volunteering with us will be a great way to get work experience in an exciting and challenging environment. It can give you a real insight into how everything works and give you a different outlook on the overall festival experience.

If you are interested in working in any area like community building, events, festivals, working with people or any element of community festivals, volunteering with the festival will be invaluable. We also have volunteering opportunities which will give you experience in marketing and administration.

Volunteering with us could open doors to new opportunities and will look great on your CV.

Employers love to see varied experience and interests, especially when it shows you're willing to give something back by volunteering.

Experiencing something new

Volunteering at this festival is not just about work, it is having the opportunity to see behind the scenes, to help build an amazing event, to have fun with the crew and audience and be part of an exciting and inspiring festival!

The roles are not just roles, because being part of the build crew means you get to turn a field into spectacle, being part of the welcoming crew means you have the opportunity to make the community feel at ease when entering the festival, being part of the information crew means you make sure that everyone can fully enjoy the festival and being part of the take down crew means you get to transform the festival back into the community park.

Also...

If that hasn't convinced you, you will also get an exclusive North Edinburgh Community Festival T-shirt, free food during your shift, travel expenses and an invite to our VIP launch event!

Frequently asked questions

Can I volunteer with my friends? We want you to enjoy volunteering with us, so we will try our very best to put friends on shifts together. Please just let us know when signing up.

How long are the shifts? We will have three main shifts that cover set up, during the event and take down. But the length of shift depends on your role and how long you would like to volunteer. Our shifts are flexible so just talk to us about when you would like to volunteer and how long for.

Will I get breaks to enjoy the festival? Of course you will! You will get breaks during your shift and the length of your shift will ensure that you are able to enjoy some of the festival.

What if I can no longer volunteer? We understand that circumstances change which may mean you are not able to volunteer with us. We just ask that you let us know as soon as you are able to so that we can make alternate arrangements.

Can I volunteer if I have access needs or preferences? Please get in touch with us and we will work to remove any barriers to have to volunteer with us. We are working to make this festival as accessible as possible. If you have any access needs or there is something we could do to make your volunteering experience more comfortable please let us know. Unfortunately, the festival site is a field which means it is not fully accessible for wheelchairs. However, there are roles that will take place in the HQ, which is accessible.

What can I do if I am worried about volunteering? Please talk to us if you have any concerns or worries about volunteering. We want to make you feel as confident and happy about it as we can. We will talk to you about your concerns and find ways to ease them. We can do things like making sure that you have as much information as you need, allocating you a buddy who will be with you the whole time you volunteer with us and we can make opportunities for you to meet some of the team beforehand.

How to get in touch

If you are interested in volunteering, but need more information, would like to chat about a specific role, or discuss access, please get in touch with Kat Prior our Volunteer Coordinator
Email: northedinfest.volunteer@gmail.com

How to become a volunteer

You can email us

Contact Kat Prior our Volunteer Coordinator

Email: northedinfest.volunteer@gmail.com

In your email you can request a phone call or meet up if you would prefer.

Or fill in our google form

Fill out our google form here - <https://forms.gle/RNdPVLmw5i1Q6GRx6>

Or scan the QR code here! →



After we receive your email or form, we will send you more information and start discussing potential roles and shifts. You will then be asked to confirm if you would like to volunteer with us.