



# Sunflowerfest 2012

## Volunteer Roles

Sunflowerfest aims to be an excitingly different and experiential weekend festival of great music and arts. It will nurture the mind, body and soul through a wide range of superb music, fantastic fun for the family, creative writing workshops, film, story-telling, interactive art and workshops. There will be yoga, meditation, Reiki, aroma therapy and other complimentary therapy disciplines.

Sunflowerfest 2012 is very pleased to be working in partnership with Oxfam this year. We will be donating £2 of every weekend ticket price to support the work that Oxfam is doing in Haiti (our original cause) as well as supporting other Oxfam long term development campaigns for people in crisis around the world.

By volunteering with Sunflowerfest you are directly supporting these charities, and directly supporting local music to flourish and reach wider audiences. Volunteers foster this festival, help it be and help it grow. Volunteers are prime members of our team - helping to get stuck in, acting as our eyes and ears, enjoying people enjoying the festival.

### Check us out at:

[sunflowerfest.co.uk](http://sunflowerfest.co.uk)

[facebook.com/Sunflowerfest](https://www.facebook.com/Sunflowerfest)

[twitter.com/sunflower\\_fest](https://twitter.com/sunflower_fest)

## Volunteer Festival Helper

Festival Helpers fill in the cracks, they do the details that make sure Sunflowerfest is easy and fun and safe for our festival goers. This is all over the festival - at the tent areas, all the venues/performance tents, workshops, the gate, fire exits ... and everywhere in between.

So the Volunteer Festival Helper role could involve any of the following tasks:

- Helping people with info such as directions, performances and line-ups.
- Helping people with their tents etc.(this could include helping to pitch the odd tent if needs be!).
- Being our eyes and ears and reporting any problems or issues like lost kids, crowd control or faulty facilities.
- Working with Fire Safety, Medical and Security teams if and when needed.
- Collecting/selling tickets at the gate
- Securing a key area and making sure e.g. nobody goes past it

The thing is, this whole role revolves around dealing with the public so volunteers will need good people skills, will like dealing with people and enjoying the craic with them. And this role needs the best of both worlds - volunteers who can use their own initiative, but can also work well in a team and take guidance when needed.

## Volunteer Festival Fixer

There's a whole festival to be maintained here, and health & safety is bottom line at a festival like Sunflowerfest. All sorts of things can need setting up, cleared away in a hurry, secured before an accident happens, or removed, or stored properly. You are the sort of person who not only notices when things need fixing, you are also keen to do the fixing. From cable ties and screw drivers, to brushing and tidying, to being innovative on how best to make something safe and secure for festival goers. If you have a background in DIY or practical handyman type tasks please do get in touch.

In this role the volunteer will be taking instruction from staff and also working with or around the public so you will need good communication skills. And this role needs the best of both worlds – volunteers who can use their own initiative, but can also work well in a team and take guidance when needed.

## **Sunflowerfest Volunteer Gardeners**

Sunflowerfest takes place in Tubby's Farm in Hillsborough. There are fields and paths and woodland areas that the festival will be using for public access and we need to make this space beautiful and safe and ready for the festival. Can you help? We need;

- Areas made safe and cleared of brush and weeds
- A bit of designing of spaces for public access
- Someone thinking in an environmental/wildlife friendly way towards the landscape

Volunteers will need;

- To be able to commit to 1-day a week at Tubby's Farm
- Work will involve digging, working on rough terrain, lifting and carrying etc.
- Creativity
- Own transport
- A background or interest in wildlife friendly gardening
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## **Sunflowerfest Marketing Volunteer**

2012 is the third year of Sunflowerfest. We are a quality festival highlighting local talent, supporting local music, offering alternatives for children and families over the weekend at Tubby's Farm. Problem is – not enough people know about us. Volunteer marketers can help. From leaflet drops to using your own promotional ideas you can help make the festival a success by:

- Raising awareness of the festival in your local area/college/work etc. (We can supply the promo materials)
- Helping get the word out to other networks/areas etc.
- Coming up with promotional ideas of your own that you can work on in liaison with us.
- Leafleting
- Promoting volunteering at the festival.

## **Sunflowerfest Volunteer Stage Runner**

There's a reason why there won't be too much written to explain this role. Thing is, a stage runner does exactly what it says on the tin. It's just that what you might be running for could be so many and varied, we couldn't get it all down on paper...

From electric cables to bottles of water, the Stage Runner finds it and saves the day. Performers might need equipment, or a Volunteer Festival Fixer might need to be fetched to mend a prop, or some instruments could need moved to a different location. Do you get the picture?

Of course you might get an easy time of it if nobody needs anything done, in which case you can just watch the gig from the best seat in the house. Then again pigs might fly...

## **Sunflowerfest Volunteers for Kidz Zone**

This year Sunflowerfest aims to make this a bonanza weekend for families – kids and 'big' kids alike. Remember what it was like to be a kid – freedom, fun and friendship!

Find your inner child. Join in the fun and help make Sunflowerfest the festival you want it to be!

Calling all...

Magicians, circus performers, clowns, acrobats, artists – anyone who has a unique and quirky talent who loves strutting their stuff and making us laugh –

It's an opportunity to promote yourselves and your passion. Join in...

We need volunteers to help supervise the kiddie activities. There will be a dedicated Kidz Zone and various events and workshops taking place all around the festival which will need constant supervision and stewarding by volunteers.

#### Kidz Zone Supervisors:

Parents at the festival will be ultimately responsible for their children/charges. They will be reminded not to leave their children unattended. Volunteers will not be responsible for the children taking part in the kid's activities.

The Volunteer's key tasks will be to ensure:

- everyone gets a turn,
- that supplies eg. water, sponges, balls and play equipment don't run out
- parents or guardians are alerted if any child is upset or overwhelmed when possible
- smooth running of the games and activities and clear instruction to kids regarding playground etiquette
- vigilance at all times especially with regard to health and safety issues and to notify the parent/guardian and/or designated safety personnel when problems/risks/concerns arise
- above all, that everyone has FUN in a happy and safe environment

### **What's in it for you if you volunteer with Sunflowerfest?**

- Become part of the Sunflowerfest team at the earliest stages – a new and growing local festival.
- Gain insight into how a festival runs.
- Use or develop skills in e.g. land management, DIY, marketing, working with the public, sales etc.
- Free access to the festival when you are not volunteering.

**Minimum commitment** - 2 shifts.

**Volunteer Training** – In order to volunteer you need to attend a training session. Dates and times etc. are on the application form. At this you get more detail on what each role requires info on what we expect from our volunteers, on what you can expect from us, procedures and instructions. All training will take place at Tubby's Farm – it is a great way to meet volunteers and staff before the whole thing kicks off.

**Reliability** - We need you to be reliable. Absenteeism jeopardises the festival and leaves the whole team in the lurch. If you are not sure you can do it, then are you sure you should be volunteering for it?

**18 year age limit** – Sorry, but as much of the volunteering will be in or around venues where alcohol is being consumed, we need to set this age limit. Please don't let that put you off volunteering with us when you are 18 though!!

**Deposit** – We ask all volunteers to pay a small deposit of £49 – the cost of a weekend ticket. This will be returned to you after completing your agreed volunteer shifts. Consider it Bank of Tubby!