

Events Volunteer Job Description

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Role	Events Volunteer
Supported By	Management Team
Location	Pioneer Club, remote, St Albans and surrounding areas
Contact	volunteer@pioneerclub.co.uk

ABOUT THE PIONEER CLUB

Founded in 1941 for young evacuees from London during the Second World War, The Pioneer Club is a registered CIC and charity supporting communities in St Albans and beyond. We deliver creative arts programmes through events, workshops, training, and classes. Whether it's live music in our iconic music hall, lessons with our amazing team of pro skateboarders, or on the stage with our performing arts programmes, there's something for everyone at The Pioneer!

As an historic grassroots music venue, we have witnessed some of the biggest names in music come through our doors, including Motorhead and The Zombies of "She's Not There". Enter Shikari are another hugely successful St Albans band who started out at The Pioneer Club, before moving on to achieve global success, including headlining Download Festival and performing at Wembley Arena.

WHY WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Taking part in cultural activities is so important for children and young people. Access to music, skate, art and performing arts leads to benefits such as:

- ✓ Improved self-esteem and self-control
- ✓ Decreased hyperactivity and inattention
- ✓ Reduced antisocial or criminal behaviours
- ✓ Improved prosocial behaviours, such as empathy and helping others

Sadly, funding for the arts is decreasing year on year. And grassroots music venues are closing at a rate of 2 per week. This affects all young people, but especially those from the least advantaged communities who, as a result, may never pick up a musical instrument or have access to art and culture.

As a charity, we couldn't exist without the support of our volunteers. As part of the team, you will be helping us to deliver our events, and to raise funds to ensure that every young person has access to the arts, no matter their circumstance.

WHAT YOU'LL BE DOING

“Working at The Pioneer has been, above everything, so much fun! I have met a great community of people who work hard to make sure everyone can have access to art, music and sport. Their events, like the festival days, are a joy to be part of” Pioneer volunteer

We're looking for enthusiastic and flexible volunteers to support the planning and delivery of our events in St Albans and the surrounding areas. Our calendar is full of exciting opportunities, and we need your help!

Lend a hand at our festival days, action packed with performances, food, stalls and games; be a part of our open mics, jams and lives performances; support our community events such as our school holiday cinema club; help at our holiday open days such as Easter, Halloween and Christmas; or spread the joy with our pop up piano, attending local events and festivals, inspiring people to be part of the music.

We will need:

- **Event day volunteers**- help setting up and packing down, stewarding, cloakroom, working the bar/café, welcoming & signposting attendees and providing information, acting as a charity ambassador and promoting The Pioneer Club, taking pictures and gathering quotes.
- **Event planners**- help to get the events off the ground, deal with enquiries and admin, book performers and food and drink providers, and market the event

ARE YOU?

- A great communicator
- Friendly and engaging
- Hands on, and willing to use initiative
- Flexible and adaptive
- A team player, looking to be part of a great group of like minded people
- Passionate about events
- Reliable, and able to commit to the role

If this sounds like you, we would love to have you on our team!

TIME COMMITMENT

We can't run these events without the generosity and time of our volunteers, so work to be flexible around you. You can commit to anything from a few hours a week, support on the day, or more. We also offer an internship programme for those looking at a career in events.

WHAT CAN WE GIVE YOU?

- ⇒ A benefits package including: free access to exclusive Pioneer supporter events, early booking privileges for music and other events, room booking discount, a Pioneer T-shirt, attendance at our annual staff and volunteer event
- ⇒ Training- events and safeguarding
- ⇒ The chance to be part of a team with regular meet ups and social events
- ⇒ The opportunity and support to achieve any professional goals
- ⇒ A chance to be a change maker, growing your community and supporting access to the arts for everyone
- ⇒ Work experience in events and marketing
- ⇒ The opportunity for references

HOW TO APPLY

Please send your CV and a brief summary of why you would like to volunteer to jon.prayer@pioneerclub.co.uk.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you think that this isn't the role for you, but might suit a friend, relative or colleague, please share! THANK YOU!