



MAYOR OF LONDON



## Age Against the Machine Evaluation Volunteer

We are looking for enthusiastic and friendly volunteers to help collect feedback at events during the Age Against the Machine festival. As well as contributing your time and experience to the festival, you will receive useful training and supervision that will refresh or offer new skills/insights.

### About the Festival:

This autumn the London Borough of Lewisham is to play host to a brand new cultural festival centred on the subject of ageing and creative approaches to the issue of growing old. Age Against the Machine – Festival of Creative Ageing will take place 13 September – 6 October 2019 in venues and outdoor spaces throughout the Borough. The Albany and Entelechy Arts are the festival's lead producers.

### Purpose of the role:

Volunteers will be an essential part of the Festival. As a volunteer you will help support a programme of artistically rich and diverse events which have been programmed, curated and created for, by and with the local community. Event volunteers will help local residents and visitors to feel welcomed, informed and engaged during the festival and have the chance to enjoy a range of different kinds of creative activities.

### Tasks will include:

- Sharing information on the festival
- Engaging festival attendees in 'Vox Pops' (short audio recorded feedback interviews)

- Collecting feedback on specific events
- Transcribing audio feedback after events
- Advocating and supporting the '40/80' letter writing activity. This activity will encourage audience members to reflect on advice they'd like to give their younger selves.

### **Skills/ Qualities / Experience needed:**

- Friendly and willing to talk to anyone and everyone
- An interest in, or experience of evaluation, interviewing or research
- Sensitive in dealing with people from a range of different backgrounds, with a range of different (health and access) needs
- Excellent communication skills
- An interest in the arts and supporting people to be creative
- Enjoy working in a team and proactive and flexible
- Ideally some experience of event volunteering (not essential).

### **Time commitment**

We are asking volunteers to commit to a minimum of three events. Please see our website for more information on festival events:

<https://www.ageagainstthemachine.org.uk/>

### **Location:**

Various locations across Lewisham.

### **Training:**

As a festival volunteer we will need you to attend one of the training date below:

Friday 6 September 2pm - 4.30pm, Red Room at the Albany.

The training will cover general information about the festival; dementia friendly training, training around communication and a section on how evaluation supports audience/participant development and fundraising.

### **Next steps:**

Please contact us on [sarah.jarman@entelechyarts.org](mailto:sarah.jarman@entelechyarts.org) or 020 8694 9007 for an application form or more information about volunteering at the festival. We will do our best to support you with any access requirements you have, so

please get in touch if you need any adjustments made to the application process, training or volunteer role.