



MAYOR OF LONDON



Age Against the Machine Production Volunteer



Volunteers for a 21st Century Tea Dance: festival edition, at Age Against the Machine.

We are looking for an enthusiastic and friendly individual, with an interest in theatre and production, to support the production of the 21st Century Tea dance: festival edition at the Age Against the Machine festival this summer.

21st Century Tea Dance

Our 21st Century Tea Dances are like big family parties where huge numbers of the company come together to meet up, dance and share work with wider audiences. Staged in the beautiful Albany Theatre, events mix live music with video, theatre, dance performance, story-telling, dancing and singing all served up with tea and cake.

Programmes are curated by older members of our Elders Theatre Company, members of Meet Me at the Albany and our artists in care homes programme Walking through Walls. Tea Dances have been nurturing new and distinctive performance through collaborations between older participants and visiting artists.

For the festival edition we will taking over the whole of the Albany theatre from **2pm-7pm on the 17 September.**

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.

Main tasks:

- Supporting set up and pack down of the Tea Dance.
- Providing support for the production team.
- Support with stage set up.
- Helping the smooth running of the Tea dance.
- Sharing information with performers.

Skills/ Qualities / Experience needed:

- Preferably has experience in theatre production; community arts or applied theatre;
- Excellent communication skills;
- An interest in the arts and in supporting people to be creative;
- Enjoys working in a team;
- Proactive and flexible
- Enthusiastic and can do attitude

Time commitment:

16, 17 and 18 September. Timings TBC.

Location:

The Albany Theatre

Training:

We will provide on the day training to prepare volunteers.

Next steps:

Please contact us on sarah.jarman@entelechartyarts.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.