

Resonate Arts are recruiting for Creative and Cultural Befrienders

deadline Thursday 30th August 2018

Training dates: Saturday 8th September 10.30am – 6pm (central London location)



Resonate Arts is looking for: volunteer artists of any discipline (visual art, music, drama, creative writing etc) who wish to explore their art with people living with dementia:

- in one-to-one creative sessions in people's own homes
- accompanying people to arts events
- supporting people within Resonate Arts projects
- accompanying people to visit galleries, concerts, shows etc.

What Creative Befrienders involves: you will be matched with someone living in Westminster, Kensington & Chelsea or Hammersmith & Fulham who has an arts interest, taking part in a minimum of 8 visits – dates and times flexible, to suit you both. You might sit and chat, look through art books, visit an exhibition, create artwork, see a lunchtime concert, or attend a project in the community. There will be free full day training, at least your first visit will be supervised and supported, mentoring and supervision, and there will be regular catch up sessions to meet peers and professionals throughout the programme.

What Cultural Befrienders involves: This is for people who need support and company in attending a project in their area, or visiting exhibitions, concerts, talks etc. with a volunteer artist who shares their knowledge and interest. This is an ideal volunteer position for artists with less availability that would prefer to volunteer on an ad-hoc basis supporting projects across central London, it is also a great way to gain more experience in working creatively with people with dementia.

An arts interest/background is essential for both positions.

Expenses – including tickets and entry fees are covered.

The Process: We will have a short interview with you, then take up two references, and undertake a DBS. The training course includes dementia awareness, health and safety, communication skills and how to use your arts skills with someone in their own home. Following this we ask you to come along to events and workshops to practice your skills and help us to get to know you so we can match you with someone.

Interested? Please complete our short [application form](#) and send your CV (no more than 2 pages) to Emma at emma@resonatearts.org by **Thursday 30th August.**