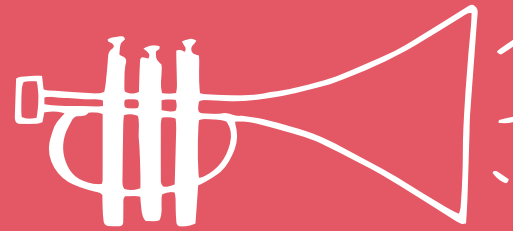


THIS IS THE PLACE



Role Description

Volunteer

Blue Cabin

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Title of Role

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Number of roles

Two (one in Redcar and one in Darlington)

Expenses available to claim, per week

Each volunteer will be able to claim up to £8 per week in expenses

What is This is The Place?

This is the Place is a programme of music-making sessions for babies and children.

It includes music sessions tailored for babies and children aged 0 to 5 years and their carers, and events held at various cultural venues, giving care-experienced families the opportunity to experience the town's cultural offer together, perhaps for the first time.

Delivered in partnership with staff from Darlington Borough Council's Fostering and Supported Lodgings team and Redcar & Cleveland Virtual School, the sessions are underpinned by social pedagogy and help care-experienced babies and children build stronger relationships.

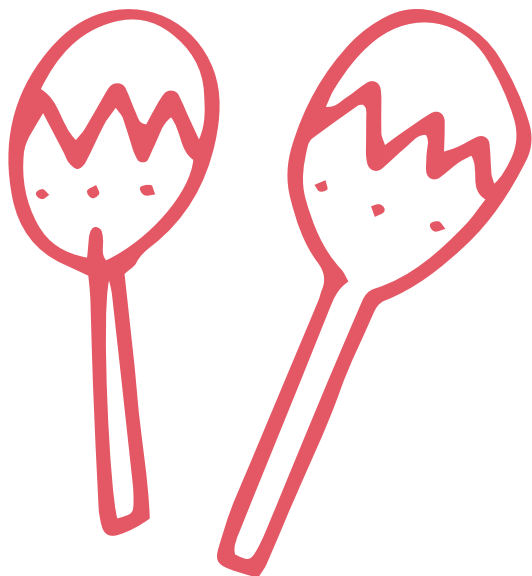
This is The Place Team

Lucy Ridley - Project Manager

Carol Bowden and **Katie Doherty** - Associate Artists / Musicians

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Aims and expectations of role



This is The Place Volunteers will support the Blue Cabin Project Manager and Associate Artists in supporting the running of weekly music-making sessions for babies and children and their supporting adults.

You'll work alongside members of the Blue Cabin team to support the running of creative music activities for up to eight babies/children and their supporting adults every week during term time.

Some of what you will do

There are some specific responsibilities that are part of being a This is The Place Volunteer:

- Help to support the running of activities which are based on Blue Cabin values and are accessible and inclusive.
- Go to the project meetings in advance of the activity happening.
- Safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do at Blue Cabin so you'll help provide a safe space, where every participant can take part.
- You'll also uphold our Code of Conduct.
- You'll complete training for the role and follow Blue Cabin policies.

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You will be asked to:

- meet and greet participants and partners
- help set up and tidy away after an activity or event
- support babies / children and supporting adults to participate and play
- support participants as they take part, this involves sitting alongside them, taking part in music activities, having a chat
- handing out refreshments during break
- helping with general administration tasks, such as taking the register and managing the start/finish areas
- say goodbye to participants and clear up activities
- take part in de-brief conversations (face to face or online)

You will help ensure the welfare and organisation of the babies and children and their supporting adults (such as foster carers), help them to get involved and overcome challenges, encourage and support their social relationships and take a proactive role with members of the Blue Cabin team.

No two sessions are the same which means that you might meet different team members at each activity. There is a lot of space to make this role your own.

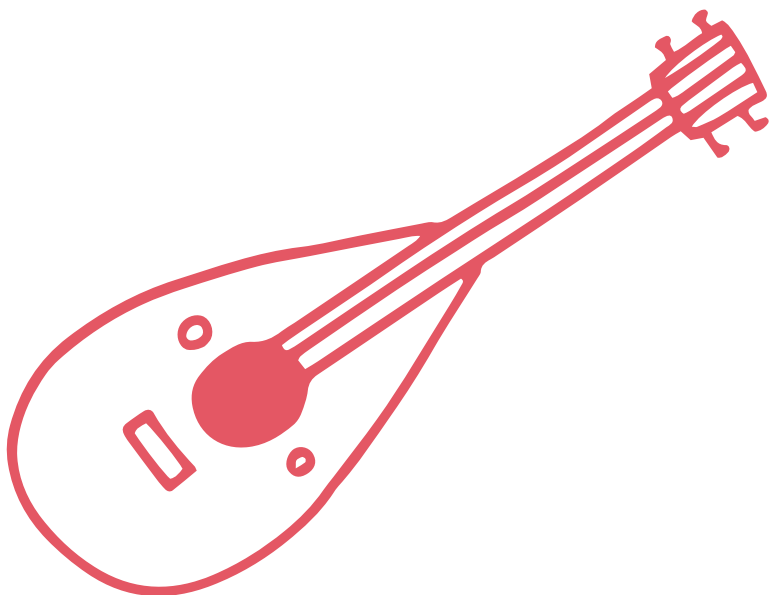
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How much time do volunteers give?

This is The Place volunteers usually spend 2-3 hours per week (during term time) in This is The Place sessions, and 1-2 hours per month carrying out follow up tasks or attending face-to-face or online meetings.



What training and support do you get?

- We'll give you a thorough induction to your specific role and to Blue Cabin.
- You'll have a range of training opportunities including e-learning, face to face training and live online classrooms that you can do from home.
- You'll have great support from the Blue Cabin team alongside meetings and events to share information.
- We reimburse agreed expenses.
- Blue Cabin has a clear complaints procedure and support to help sort out problems or disagreements.
- You'll receive safeguarding training

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What qualifications do you need?

No specific academic qualifications are needed to be a Blue Cabin volunteer. You'll need to complete basic safeguarding training and do a DBS disclosure check for this role. Blue Cabin will cover the costs.

What skills and attributes do you need?

- Good listening and communication skills
- Attention to detail
- We need you to arrive for meetings and activities at the agreed time
- Knowing when to ask for help

- Willingness to learn
- A wide range of experience, knowledge and skills – we really value the diversity our volunteers bring
- Enthusiasm for helping to raise the aspirations of babies, children young people and to broaden their world view of people and life experiences
- An interest and enthusiasm for music, play and creativity, and/or working with babies /children and their families
- A commitment to safeguarding and confidentiality
- Ability to work in a professional, confidential and non-discriminatory manner at all times and promote equal opportunities for all.
- Ability to work in accordance with Blue Cabin's policies and procedures and maintain accurate records when required.

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How to Apply



If you are interested in becoming a Blue Cabin This is The Place Volunteer please complete [this short application form](#). It should take you no longer than 20 minutes to complete. Once we have received the completed form a member of the Blue Cabin team will be in touch within three working days to let you know we have received your application.

Application deadline – 5pm, 14 May 2024

We will be in touch by the end of the day on the 24 May 2024 if we want to invite you for an informational conversation.

Information conversations will take place on 29 May 2024 at the following venues:

Redcar & Cleveland Volunteer conversations Kirkleatham Museum

Darlington Volunteer conversations Theatre Hullabaloo

Informal conversations should last no longer than 45 minutes.

If you are invited to become a This is The Place Volunteer we would ideally like you to start in September 2024. We will need to contact two referees before you can begin, and ensure that you have an appropriate level of DBS.

We look forward to hearing from you!

