

Birmingham International Dance Festival Volunteer Role Description

What is a BIDF Volunteer?

BIDF Volunteers support our dance-packed outdoor events and exciting work touring around the city centre and to community settings. It's about connecting people with great dance, inspiring local people and welcoming new audiences. Visit the [BIDF YouTube channel](#) to watch highlights of the online and socially distanced editions of the festival that took place in Jun & Sep-Oct 2021.

There are a wide range of volunteer roles across our outdoor festival whether it's chaperoning artists, supporting marketing or guiding audiences – all of which are vital to its success.

What's involved?

BIDF Volunteers have a particular focus on our outdoor spaces. Locations include:

- City Centre – Centenary Square, Victoria Square, Chamberlain Square and Brindley Place
- Handsworth Park
- Outdoor Theatre @ Midlands Arts Centre & Cannon Hill Park

Supporting the BIDF festival team, activities will include:

- greeting and chaperoning artists
- assisting with event and performance setups with our Programming Team
- stewarding events and working alongside our Front of House team
- assisting with family activities and participatory projects
- supporting marketing with social media and flyering
- welcoming festival visitors of all backgrounds

This role will suit people who...

You'll be volunteering as part of the team, working with other volunteers and BIDF staff helping to create a great experience for participants and audiences. This role will suit people who:

- have good verbal communication and interpersonal skills
- are flexible and willing to volunteer outdoors
- are enthusiastic about the arts and helping at events
- are willing to work as part of a team, as well as use their own initiative

If you are passionate and enthusiastic about dance and the arts, enjoy working with a wide range of people and have a "can do" approach, then we'd love to hear from you. Please note that you must be 18+ years of age to volunteer with us.

What's in it for you?

This is an opportunity to be involved in a vibrant large-scale city-wide event and meet artists and performers from around the world. You can develop new skills to add to your CV, experience 'behind the scenes' of a major festival and meet new people. References will be available following your time with us.



Extra information

Time commitment

Our outdoor events are taking place across 3 weekends:

- Thursday 16th June – Sunday 19th June at City Centre locations
- Wednesday 22nd June – Sunday 26th June at City Centre locations
- Friday 1st July – Sunday 3rd July at Handsworth Park, North Birmingham

Each day is split into shifts (each shift is approx. 6 hours in duration) and it is up to you how much time you are able to commit. You can tell us about your availability in the application form.

Staff Contact

Volunteers have a dedicated Volunteer Coordinator who will be their main point of contact to provide briefings and support in advance and on the day.

Training/Resources

You will be provided with a volunteer briefing session in advance of the festival to meet the BDF team and find out more about the festival and your volunteer role.

Expenses

We will reimburse travel and food expenses of up to £10.00 per day on days that you volunteer with us. You will need to provide a valid receipt for the travel/food you are claiming for in order to be reimbursed.

How to apply

If you are over 18 and interested in volunteering please visit the [BDF website](#) where you can apply online or download a copy of our Volunteer Application Form. Applications close 11.59pm on Sunday 15 May. The Volunteer Coordinator will contact applicants by Friday 20th May. We are very happy to receive applications in alternative formats. You can answer the application questions either in written, video and audio format and send via email or WeTransfer to volunteer@dx.dance.

Any questions

If you have any questions about the role please contact us on volunteer@dx.dance for the attention of the Volunteer Coordinator Charlie Edwards. Alternatively please call our mainline reception number 0121 667 6730 and someone from DanceXchange should be able to assist you.



About BIDF

Birmingham International Dance Festival (BIDF) is an award-winning biennial festival presenting a vibrant programme of international dance in venues and public spaces across Birmingham; creating distinctive new work; building audiences, and engaging communities in stimulating participatory activity.

Visit BIDF website to find out more [about BIDF](#)

BIDF is produced by DanceXchange

About DanceXchange

DanceXchange is a Birmingham-based dance organisation dedicated to making and showing great dance.

We set out to involve artists and the wider community in our work. And we're proud to be an important part of making Birmingham a place where dance artists can live, work and thrive.

DanceXchange is changing, keep an eye on our website to find out more; www.danceexchange.org.uk