



# **CALL OUT FOR VOLUNTEERS**

**MAY 2022**

# **LIFT**

**LONDON  
INTERNATIONAL  
FESTIVAL OF  
THEATRE**

## ABOUT LIFT

LIFT is London's international biennial festival of theatre. LIFT stands for radical empowerment and inclusion. We promote the power and urgency of international perspectives, understanding that difference makes us stronger. LIFT is where artists and audiences meet for necessary conversations and essential cultural experiences. The theatre we offer audiences is compelling, meaningful, provocative, excellent, topical, singular. We advance contemporary thought, introduce new forms and ideas and offer new ways of experiencing art.

Every two years, LIFT presents a festival full of daring and relevant culture, international perspectives and unforgettable theatre. Whether it's a much-loved venue, iconic landmark or unsung corner of London, LIFT gathers Londoners around incredible art. We want our audiences to feel more London and more global every time they encounter LIFT.

LIFT creates contexts where artists make transformative culture happen, as a commissioner, presenter and connector. LIFT is the essential link between leading international artists and London and the UK. We connect British makers abroad. We offer essential supports that give UK artists working abroad momentum and connections; the partnerships we create advance artists and their projects.

Our reach and impact are local, national and international, we co-commission and tour projects in with an array of UK and global partners. We engage and create communities around ideas and projects connecting leading artists to locals and together we make incredible art happen. We celebrate London as a place where the local and international meet.

We do it full of ambition, joy, thoughtfulness. Our team is skilled, productive, connected and ambitious. LIFT loves London. A charity limited by guarantee and based in Toynbee Studios in East London, LIFT is an Arts Council England National Portfolio Organisation with a biennial turnover in the region of £2 million.

*"LIFT continually push artistic boundaries, embrace risk and is inspired by the creatively impossible..."*  
Justine Simons, Deputy Mayor for Culture, Greater London Authority



# VOLUNTEERING WITH LIFT

Every festival, volunteers are crucial to LIFT; we could not deliver the ambition and scale of LIFT without you.

We want to ensure that volunteering with LIFT is a valuable experience. Volunteering with LIFT provides a great opportunity to assist the running of the festival and learn more about the workings of an international theatre festival. As well as working alongside daring and relevant culture, volunteers will expand their networks of artists, venues and theatre professionals.

## What volunteers can expect

- A welcoming, creative environment
- A supportive team, clear communication & relevant training
- The opportunity to network, work alongside like-minded volunteers & make friends
- 2x free tickets to a LIFT show (to be agreed with the Volunteers coordinator) & ad-hoc ticket offers
- A LIFT branded t-shirt to keep
- A thank you wrap up event for LIFT volunteers

Please note that volunteer roles are unpaid, but travel expenses will be **reimbursed up to £8 per day..**

## We're looking for volunteers who

- Are passionate & enthusiastic about LIFT's vision
- Enjoy working with and talking to a wide range of people of different ages, ethnicities, cultural backgrounds & with a broad range of access requirements
- Are comfortable communicating with staff, other volunteers & the public
- Are organised and reliable, with excellent time keeping skills
- Work & remain calm under pressure
- Can work independently as well as part of a team
- Are aged 18+



# THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT VOLUNTEERS FOR LIFT

LIFT's varied programme means there's opportunity to volunteer on a huge range of work, developing your skills and understanding in different ways. From an app-based audio-performance taking place in shopping malls, to an opera staged on a beach, volunteers can expect a varied & exciting experience.

## VOLUNTEER ROLES

**Events Volunteers** - Supporting venue front of house staff, giving audiences LIFT programmes & information about other LIFT shows, seating audiences, responding to audience enquiries, gathering audience feedback

**Artist Support Volunteers** - Meeting international artists at their accommodation to provide a friendly face and represent LIFT, providing support with artist liaison at venues

**Lead Volunteers** - Supporting in the management of events volunteers, preferably someone with some experience in managing people

## KEY DATES

Radio Ghost volunteer training/play testing:	<b>Sat 28th &amp; Sun 29th May</b>
Volunteer meet & greet:	Either Thu 9th June 6-8 PM or Fri 10th June 3-5PM
Pre-festival support:	Wed 15th June – Thu 23rd June
Week 1 festival:	Thu 23rd June – Sun 26th June
Week 2 festival:	Mon 27th June – Sun 3rd July
Week 3 festival:	Mon 4th July – Sun 10th July

Please note that if you are volunteering on Radio Ghost will need to be available for the Radio Ghost volunteer training/play testing days (Sat 28th & Sun 29th May) as well as the show days (Sat 2nd & Sun 3rd July.)

All volunteers are expected to attend one of the volunteer meet & greets.

## HOW SHIFTS WORK

Weekday shifts are in the evening (17:00-22:30 or 18:00-22:00) & weekend shifts are in the morning (9:30-14:00), afternoon (12:30 – 16:30 or 13:30-18:30) or evening (17:00-22:30).

Shifts last between 4 – 6 hours and will be agreed with volunteers ahead of time depending on your availability. **On the application form you can give us an idea of your availability over the festival period.**

We'd like for volunteers to commit to at least 2 shifts across the festival period. This is the minimum requirement to receive 2x complimentary tickets to a LIFT show.



## ACCESSIBILITY

We are eager to accomodate for volunteers with access requirements or different needs. The applications form allows you to tell us about your access needs. LIFT will work hard to accommodate every different kind of access requirement within our team. There is also information aronud content warnings of each show, so volunteers can opt out of volunteering at shows with content they'd like to avoid.

We want all people to feel safe and welcome at LIFT events and expect volunteers to uphold our safe space policy.

## HOW TO APPLY

Please fill in [this application form](#) by Wed 25th May 2022 at 17:00. We'll get back to you w/c 30th May 2022 or sooner.

If you prefer you can send us this information as a video or voice message by emailing [volunteers@liftfestival.com](mailto:volunteers@liftfestival.com) as an attachment with the subject line Volunteer 2022.





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