

Volunteer PoliNators – Call out



PoliNations will see an epic pop-up garden take over the centre of Birmingham for a two-week festival this September. Giant architectural trees and thousands of plants will transform Victoria Square into an urban oasis, which will host free events, workshops and performances including live music, dance, spoken word, drag and carnival.

The idea for PoliNations grew from a simple but surprising fact: nearly 80% of the plants found in gardens in UK cities originate from overseas. The festival will explore how cross-pollination has shaped the diversity of the UK's plants and people, celebrating colour, beauty and natural diversity.

Our Volunteer PoliNators will be a vital role for this project and will be the friendly face of the festival, welcoming people on site, engaging them and supporting their visit to PoliNations.

What are we looking for?

Birmingham and West Midlands based folk, this one's for you! If you're aged 18+ and can bring excitement and enthusiasm to this role as the friendly face of the festival, we want to hear from you! You don't have to have any previous volunteering experience as we're looking to build a team with a range of different skills and life experiences, but if you have volunteered before that would be a bonus.

What will you be doing?

There are a range of roles you could be involved in to make sure PoliNations runs smoothly.

This could include:

- Welcoming visitors to the forest, helping them to find their way around

- Sharing information about the themes of the project
- Giving visitors and audience members information about the site & programme and access information
- Supporting visitors with access information on site
- Supporting our workshops and tours
- Supporting with our community projects and ancillary programme of events
- Supporting with the Wondersphere (workshop dome) where required
- Helping to support the visitor information point
- Offering practical support on site for our production team
- Sharing your knowledge of the city, like where the train station is!

What commitment do you need to give?

PoliNations runs from 2nd – 18th September. You will need to be available for at least two shifts and the shifts will last between 4 and 6 hours at a time. There will be AM, PM and Evening shifts available.

You will also need to commit to attending a couple of training and briefing sessions before the event.

What's in it for you?

- Be part of something extraordinary and unique and help make it happen!
- Meet, learn and exchange skills with new people
- Training and briefing on an epic live event taking over Birmingham city centre
- Go behind the scenes and learn first-hand how an arts event of scale is run
- Add to your CV – build on your skills and experience
- Volunteers will receive light refreshments whilst on site

If you have special skills or interests, which are relevant to these roles for example if you're DBS checked, speak different languages or qualified first aider, please let us know.

How to apply

The application is a short online form that also gives you the opportunity to tell us a little bit about yourself and why you want to volunteer.

If you are interested in taking part and being one of our volunteer PoliNators then please fill out the online form [here](#).

Deadline for applications will be **Monday 1st August at 9.00am**

We will be in touch to confirm your shifts week commencing **15th August**.

Getting help to apply

We are very happy to answer any questions. Please get in touch if you need:

- Any help with completing your application
- One-to-one support
- This information or application form in a different format

If you have any questions or require any support with your application, then please contact us volunteer@triggerstuff.co.uk or 0117 2350 365