

Volunteer with Orchestra of The Swan

Volunteer Role Description for Concert Giver Volunteer

In partnership with The Alzheimer's Society

Would you like to help a person with dementia live a fuller and happier life and support our Music for Life programme? If the answer is **Yes** then this is for you.

OOTS and The Alzheimer's Society are looking for people who could support a person with dementia to attend an OOTS music concert or one of our open rehearsals.

How does the role make a difference?

Your involvement aims to help people to feel less isolated enabling the person to focus on their strengths to remain active and confident.

Is this role for me?

The role may be suitable if you:

- Want to help people with dementia stay active
- Are passionate about supporting people with dementia to improve their quality of life
- Know about, or are willing to learn about dementia and its impact on people
- Have good verbal communication and listening skills, especially face to face
- Are happy to volunteer remotely, yet understand you are part of a team
- Recognise the importance of confidentiality, and show this in practice
- Are committed to inclusion, treating people from all backgrounds with dignity

This role does not provide personal care.

What do I have to do before I can start?

- Complete a volunteer registration form
- Provide two satisfactory references
- Undertake an enhanced DBS
- Participate in agreed induction, training and development for the role.

How will I be supported during my volunteering?

You will be supported by the Side by Side Manager, and will receive one-to-one or group support. Agreed out of pocket expenses will be reimbursed, for example travel mileage and activity costs

What's in it for me?

You will have the opportunity to:

- develop / build on your skills and experience
- Learn new skills and receive training to support you within this role
- partake in peer learning and development opportunities
- support a person with dementia to live more independently and enable them to enjoy a better quality of life
- Sharing your enjoyment from activities with others
- Enhance and expand your CV
- Partake in a new and exciting service.
- Reduce the impact dementia has on the lives around you
- Pioneer change and dispel the stigma of dementia
- Get to now more about Orchestra of the Swan
- Attend Orchestra of the Swan concerts and rehearsals
- The opportunity to become a Dementia Friend

OOTs support The Alzheimers Society values.

Our Values

Always informed by the needs and experiences of people affected by dementia, we:

- are **inclusive**, making sure that we reach out to and involve people from every group and community
- **challenge** ourselves and others to question the status quo, be pioneering, and embrace change
- aspire to **excellence** in everything we do
- always act with **integrity** and treat everyone with respect, dignity and fairness
- **enable** others to make a meaningful contribution and realise their potential.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a Concert Giver, please contact Learning & Participation Manager Sue Pope on: education@orchestraoftheswan.org or by telephoning 01789 268812.

We look forward to welcoming you to the OOTS family soon.