



Creative Opportunity – Sunderland Culture Work Experience!

- Are you passionate about pursuing a career in the arts?
- Do you believe in the power of arts and culture to transform lives?
- Are you curious and committed to learn more?

At Sunderland Culture, we are passionate about providing opportunities for young people with ambitions to pursue a career in the arts and cultural sector. Our new Creative Work Experience programme provides an innovative insight into the world of the arts and gives young people the opportunity to engage with professionals working directly in creative industries.

Over four days, you will experience what it's like to be in a creative and cultural workplace and learn about working in the creative sector as a freelance or employed professional. You will learn more about employability skills applicable to creative workplaces.

Who we're looking for:

- We're looking for **four** enthusiastic participants. Our selected young people will be above all passionate, positive and looking to potentially develop a career in the creative industries.
- You must be aged 15-18 to apply and you must live in Sunderland or attend a Sunderland school to join our 2024 Work Experience Programme.
- Young people that can commit to being available for the full four-day programme from **9-12 April 2024**.

What will we offer?

You will join us for a four-day placement where we will involve you fully in the work that we do. We're a friendly bunch and we'll do our very best to fully support you during your time with us! We will schedule a full programme of activities that will enable you to develop your skills, build your confidence, and learn more about the variety of career opportunities available in the arts and cultural sector. We're here to listen too – about your ideas, your insights and your aspirations for the future. Your voice matters to us. Throughout your

placement we'll be encouraging you to give your opinion to us freely and provide feedback to ensure you get the most out of your time with us and to help us develop our programme.

See below just some of the examples of what you can expect to experience with us:

Real-life work experience, tasks and insights at each of our Sunderland Culture venues; Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens, National Glass Centre, Northern Gallery for Contemporary Art, The Fire Station Auditorium and Arts Centre Washington.

- Exploring the basics of curating an exhibition
- Introduction to theatre workshop
- Technical lighting and sound design experience
- Box office and ticketing experience
- Venue Tour and glass blowing demonstration
- Cultural tour of some of Sunderland's creative industries in the Sunnyside area.
- Staff and artist insights, interviews, Q&A's
- Cultural /creative live tasks and challenges
- Independent research
- Creative CV/Portfolios

We hope that by taking part in the opportunity, you will be able to answer the following questions:

- What does it mean to work in the creative industries?
- Do I want potentially to work in the sector?
- Do I understand what a creative role would entail?
- What has inspired me the most?

Key information:

- The programme will be held over the course of four days.
- Timetabled activities will run from 10 – 4pm each day. Participants will be expected to arrive 15 minutes before each programme day begins
- You will be expected to make your own way to and from the daily sessions across all cultural venues
- We will need written consent from a parent/guardian to enable you to take part in the programme
- We will need to keep a record of your address, school attended, emergency contact numbers and any relevant medical/dietary information and clear information about how you will arrive and leave each day (i.e. Independently or collected/dropped off). We will hold your information securely in line with our [Privacy Policy](#).
- You will be expected to adhere to Sunderland Culture's staff Code of Conduct, Risk Assessment and Safeguarding Policies and Procedures

- You will be expected to arrive promptly and to demonstrate professionalism
- Ahead of your work experience, you will be invited to attend a one-hour group induction session with other successful programme participants. This will be online and dates/times will be confirmed in due course.
- Deadline for applications is ...

We welcome and encourage applications from candidates who are under-represented in the creative industries, particularly individuals who experience physical, mental, or social barriers to accessing the arts.

How to apply

[Please complete the online application form.](#)

If you are experiencing issues or require support in completing your form, please contact vicki.kennedy@sunderlandculture.org.uk

If you have any access or learning requirements, please do communicate these to us on your application form, outlining how best we can support you and accommodate your needs throughout your placement with us. Your individual requirements will be fully considered to ensure you have the best experience possible on the programme, and we will ensure any access requirements are communicated to staff teams in advance.

Please note that we only have a limited number of work experience opportunities available and we are not able to offer placements to all applicants. However, we will contact all applicants to advise you of the status of your application no later than a fortnight after shortlist conversations.