**Volunteer Driver Wanted**

Volunteer Role: Community Admin

Volunteer Link Worker: Enterprise and Facilities Manager

Location: WHALE Arts Centre/Field based

Hours of Volunteering: Friday’s between 12-3pm

Our volunteer drivers have become a key part of our team during the COVID-19 pandemic, helping us get art parcels and lunches out to our community members who are most in need.

**Duties**

* Complete driver’s declaration form
* Deliver food and art packs to local Wester Hailes residents on ad-hoc basis when available
* Use the delivery driver app to deliver parcels on your route, in a time effective way
* Ensure deliveries are made in line with current health and safety requirements of delivery drivers during COVID-19, using PPE equipment provided (dust-free gloves, approved masks) and adhering to 2-metre social distancing rules.

**Skills**

* A valid, clean drivers Licence
* A road worthy car which you are insured to drive and has an MOT, if required
* A level of fitness as you may need to use stairs

**Training**

Full training for this role and an induction into the organisation will be given.

**Expenses**

Drivers can claim £0.45 per mile driven whilst using your own car volunteering for WHALE. Were individuals are volunteering over lunch they are entitled expenses up to £5 for lunch, unless lunch is being provided by Whale. Volunteers must fill out an expenses form and attach valid receipts in order to be reimbursed.

**To apply for the role or for further Information please contact WHALE:**

**Email:** [**info@whalearts.o.uk**](mailto:info@whalearts.o.uk)

**Phone: 0131 458 3267**

**BACKGROUND**

**Vision:** Wester Hailes is a creative, thriving, resilient, fair community.

**Mission:** We create the conditions for our communities to work alongside artists and cultural practitioners to become creative agents for change who will proactively co-design, participate in, support or lead quality creative activity at all stages of their lives.

**WHALE Arts is:**

* Community-led - we are embedded in our community, consult with local people, we are a membership organisation, we have local board members.
* A Cultural Anchor Organisation - we are the conduit between local people, artists and cultural opportunities and organisations.
* Place-based - we develop creative programmes and services that have a simultaneous focus on people living in Wester Hailes and the social, geographical, infrastructural, and economic factors of the area and the synergies between the two: people and place.
* Building-based - we have responsibility for a building from which we run a range of programmes, activities and services which are largely free or subsidised and are tailored towards people from Wester Hailes and the surrounding area. We also use the building as an asset from which we can generate income which contributes to our running costs and our unrestricted reserves.
* Strengths-based / Asset-based – we make the most of, and building on, the skills and experiences of local people and assets within the community.

WHALE (Wester Hailes Arts for Leisure and Education) launched in 1992 and was originally based in the Blue Hut on the Murrayburn Greenway. WHALE was launched officially on August 7th, 1992, and saw a balloon launch, a hot air balloon trip as well as live music and street performers.

Over the past 27 years WHALE Arts has grown and continued to adapt and innovate through challenging times, moving to a purpose-built home in November 2000, the same building the organisation works from today. 2017 saw celebrations for the 25th anniversary of WHALE Arts and 2022 will be our 30th year.

WHALE Arts launched a new strategic plan in 2019 which will take the organisation forward into 2024. This new strategy has a focus on Arts, Health & Wellbeing; Creative Placemaking; Enterprise, Learning and Skills as well as Development and Improvement of our key asset (our building).

WHALE Arts Strategic Plan 2019 – 2024 <https://issuu.com/whalearts/docs/strategic_plan_whale_2019_-_2024__web_version_>