



History Trail: Volunteer Callout

What is Windswept Workshops?

Windswept Workshops is a CIC which creates collaborative, multi-disciplinary storytelling opportunities in Birmingham communities and beyond. The company was set up in December 2019 by two freelance creative writers and facilitators, Erin Gilbey and Gaby Songui, who now work as a team of three alongside Charlotte Hooper. Over the last two years, we have run countless successful projects and events, as well as publicising the campaign for the reopening of Selly Oak Library. We also facilitate a Writing Community, with publication and performance opportunities; a Storytellers' Club for home educated young people in Coventry; external workshops in storytelling, creative writing and puppetry; and an Emerging Freelancers Programme for clients including University of Birmingham and Open Theatre.

What is the History Trail?

The Bournbrook History Trail is a celebration of local heritage that will leave behind a framework for future cultural activities in Bournbrook. The project was co-planned from scratch with the local community in spring 2021, and our community will remain at the center of the project, as we invite Commonwealth Games visitors from across the world to see the global significance of our area.

The event will be based in the Bournbrook area of Selly Oak, and will consist of a launch event in August 2022 with tours and entertainment, followed by monthly tours that will continue until August 2023. The content of the tours will envelop Selly Oak's rich cultural history, drawing on the diverse stories of citizens, as well as sharing forgotten local history to restore pride in the area. It will also look at iconic buildings such as the old Selly Oak Library and the Water Tower.

The History Trail will be immortalized through a permanent audio-tour. The audio will be accessed through metal QR code links on posts at key sites throughout the area, and the audio



will be subtitled for accessibility. We want to ensure that the civic pride cultivated during the day of the History Trail has a lasting impact on the whole community.

What we would like from you:

- A keen interest in community and/or local history
- To run at least three walking tours around Bournbrook
- Contributions in group planning sessions
- Willingness to learn new skills
- Ability to work collaboratively with others

What we can offer you:

- An Enhanced DBS
- A bursary of £150 to support your participation
- All necessary costs (transport and access needs) covered, in addition to the bursary
- Access to research and information about local history
- Access to Windswept's network
- Future references for work

Provisional Timeline

The History Trail Launch is due to take place at the start of August, however the date is flexible as we are waiting to hear about additional funding, with which we will upscale the event. Additionally, our volunteers will run tours beyond the start date, so it is not essential to be available over the Summer period.



Bursary

There is a £150 bursary for each volunteer, to support their participation in this project. This does not commit the volunteer to a certain amount of work, as this is a voluntary position. The bursary will be paid after the launch date, although this may change depending on the volunteer's availability.

We have a separate ad-hoc fund for travel and access costs.

How to Apply

To apply please either send an email to windsweptworkshopscic@gmail.com expressing your interest. We will then schedule a phone call so we can have a chat!

The closing date for these applications is **Monday 16th of May at 12pm**. We will get back to all applicants.

Windswept's Volunteer Policy

Windswept truly values the work of all our volunteers, and wants to make experiences valuable and enjoyable for each individual.

We are committed to:

- Making sure that our volunteers have an enjoyable and enriching experience
- Making sure that our volunteer opportunities are flexible and that we minimise any pressure on our volunteers
- Making sure that all access costs and expenses are covered for our volunteers

We will have individual conversations and tailor tasks to suit each applicant. Whilst volunteers are not committed to a specific number of hours, we do ask for open and honest communication so we can plan around availability and create exciting community projects.