



Community Musician Volunteer

We are looking for a Community Musician Volunteer to support our Therapies Team in the delivery of effective group music groups to babies, children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions and their siblings in our state-of-the-art children's hospice building in Barnet. This role involves flexible working hours to include some evening and weekend work.

Noah's Ark takes their responsibility for safeguarding the wellbeing of children seriously. This role is subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service Application. 2 references are also required.

Qualities/ experience/ skills needed:

- Experience of working with children and young people is essential for this role
- Patience and empathy, good communication and listening skills
- Interest in music making, experience in using music technology preferable
- Experience of working as part of a team

Opportunities of the role:

- Gain experience working with children
- Gain experience working with people with disabilities
- Build social skills through a variety of interactions
- Develop abilities to work as part of a team

Interviews, training and assessment process: At Noah's Ark we value volunteer support, but we are also aware that not all roles are suitable for everyone. The interview and training process is in place to ensure that the Noah's Ark staff get to know more about you, to ensure that you are given the correct training for the role and so that you can find out if this is a role, you would like to undertake. The training process is as follows:



- **Volunteer Information Session:** All potential volunteers have to attend one of these sessions before they are able to support Noah's Ark in any capacity. They are held monthly on weekday evenings or Saturday mornings.
- **Interview:** This will take place at the Noah's Ark Office at a mutually agreeable time.
- **Core Training (3 hours):** Training topics include Confidentiality and Boundaries, giving excellent customer service, grief loss and bereavement and infection control. Held on different days, some daytimes and some evenings.
- **Safeguarding Training (2 ½ hours):** 1 weekday / weekend morning or 1 evening, depending on the schedule, essential for ensuring the safety of our service.
- **Ongoing 1:1 Training** with the Therapies Team Lead

Additional training programmes are run at regular intervals throughout the year.

Time commitment: 1-2 sessions a week plus note writing, Tuesday – Friday for a minimum of 12 months.

Community Musician Volunteers are required to attend Supervision (support groups) every 3 months.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the nature of the role, we ask all volunteers supporting Music Therapy who wish to leave the role to give 6 weeks' notice to the Therapies Team Lead.

Location: Noah's Ark supports families living in the London boroughs of Barnet, Enfield, Haringey, Camden and Islington, and Hertsmere. We appreciate as much flexibility as possible and will take on board volunteers' preferences regarding location when being matched with a family.

Minimum age: 18 years

To apply, please return a completed Volunteer Interest Form to the Volunteering Team: volunteering@noahsarkhospice.org.uk