

Volunteering for dot-art Schools 2015



Introduction

dot-art Schools is an interactive, online, inter-schools art competition which culminates in an exhibition in Liverpool city centre. Open to both primary (year 6) and secondary (year 9) schools in the Liverpool City Region. It is designed to nurture talent, raise ambition, and take art out of the classroom and into the real world. The overall winner receives a year's membership to dot-art to showcase their work alongside professional artists. The 2013 winner went on to sell three of his paintings, and curated his first exhibition recently, all whilst still at school!

The online competition entries were shortlisted by a panel of arts professionals (this year from Metal, the Walker Art Gallery and Tate Liverpool), then the public vote for their favourite from each school, which are then shown in the culminating exhibition, this year at St Georges Hall. At the prize giving the overall winners are chosen by our special guest judge - Susan M Coles, the past president of NSEAD and students will receive their prizes from the Lord Mayor of Liverpool.

<http://schools.dot-art.com>

Volunteer Role

We're looking for volunteer assistance with:

- Installing dot-art Schools exhibition Mon 1st June – Weds 3rd June
- Preparing and supporting two prize giving events at St Georges Hall on Thurs 4th June (Primary schools afternoon, Secondary school evening)
- Staffing the exhibition daily (as part of a rota) between Fri 5th June – Sat 20th June (Open daily 10am – 5pm) Includes greeting & asking visitors to sign in, monitoring the exhibits, encouraging visitors feedback & comments.
- Exhibition invigilation sessions are 10am - 1.30pm or 1.30pm - 5pm.
- Taking down exhibition & managing collection of work Mon 22nd June.

Volunteers will be based mainly at the exhibition venue Bridge Galleries, St Georges Hall, Liverpool and occasionally at the dot-art office, off Castle St, Liverpool.



Volunteer Skills/Qualities

We're looking for volunteers who are:

- interested in visual arts & education
- enthusiastic, flexible and reliable
- have practical exhibition skills and/or basic admin skills
- be comfortable dealing with the public
- happy to pitch in to help our small team

In return we can offer:

- the chance to acquire first-hand experience of various aspects of a public exhibition process and associated event planning and delivery.
- dot-art Schools volunteering on your CV
- briefings for all volunteers regarding tasks to be undertaken and provide any resources necessary.
- Volunteers are expected to confirm dates and times they can offer, and let dot-art know as soon as possible if they are unable to attend.

Interested?

Please email Project Manager Carolyn Murray carolyn.murray@dot-art.com **by Mon 4th May**, giving brief information about yourself and indicating which dates you are available to volunteer. Ideally a block of morning or afternoon sessions would be helpful for the exhibition invigilation period.

Any questions contact:

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PLEASE NOTE: Her working days are Wednesday and Thursday.

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