

Wildscreen Volunteers Application 2024

Wildscreen Film Festival Volunteers are key to making the festival a success. The festival wouldn't be able to take place without our hardworking team of volunteers who give up a week of their time to help deliver our biennial event.

We're looking for friendly, enthusiastic and committed individuals to join this year's festival team in helping to create a festival that celebrates diverse and indigenous voices, that tells impactful stories and raises awareness to the planetary crisis we are facing.

Whether you are interested in event management, social media and marketing, filming and photography, or just meeting new people, there is a role for you!

Volunteer Benefits

Volunteering for the Wildscreen Film Festival is a great way to gain hands-on film festival experience, develop new skills as well as the opportunity to enjoy the best of natural world storytelling from across the globe.

As a thank you volunteering, you will receive:

- A letter of reference
- At least 1 day off during the festival
- A full hybrid-pass for you to enjoy when you aren't required to work
- A 50% discount on a year's Network Membership
- A 2024 festival branded t-shirt
- In-person volunteers will receive 1 meal per shift (Day/Evening Shifts)

The Serious Stuff

Successful volunteers will need to be available throughout the festival week (**Sunday 13th – Friday 18th October 2024**). The festival includes early morning events and evening events so expect early starts and/or late finishes.

All volunteers must be aged 18 or over.

Wildscreen is a charity, and these are unpaid volunteer posts. Unfortunately, we are unable to cover the cost of travel to or from Bristol, or accommodation so volunteers must be able to make their own arrangements.

Volunteer Roles

Our Volunteer Programme offers an exciting opportunity to see how a festival works, whilst exploring your interests. There's lots of opportunities to get involved, with roles spanning across all aspects of the festival.

“Working with Wildscreen Festival was a brilliant opportunity. The team at the festival are so supportive and if you are thinking of volunteering then you should.”

Anonymous Volunteer, 2022

To support you in choosing which role is best for you, please use the level guide below, along with considering which roles pique your interest. Please note, all roles will have training opportunities and will be supported by festival staff. You can indicate your choice if you have any preference within the application form.

Beginner	For any newbies to volunteering or for anyone who may not yet have specialist festival/film experience. These roles are a great opportunity to get to know how the festival works in an accessible way.
Intermediate	A general level of experience will be required for these roles - maybe you are studying in an area related to this role or have transferable skills from another area of work/life.
Advanced	For these roles you'll likely need to have either volunteered at the festival before and/or have specific experience in this area. These opportunities tend to be focused on specific elements of the festival and require certain skills.

Team Breakdown

There're multiple teams across the festival you will be working alongside with, all play a vital role in ensuring the festivals smooth operation and success. Four categories which will be led by members of our Wildscreen team, each will give an insight into various structures within the film festival.

Industry & Network

Ushers

Level: Beginner

Info: Guide attendees to their seats and provide information about the event schedules.

Skills: Good communication skills.

Networking Assistant

Level: Intermediate

Info: Assist in organizing and managing networking sessions, ensuring smooth interactions among attendees.

Skills: Strong interpersonal skills, organised.

Q&A Moderators

Level: Intermediate

Info: Facilitate Q&A sessions by managing audience questions and ensuring a smooth discussion.

Skills: Confident public speaking, quick thinking.

Film & Communications

Photographers

Level: Beginner+

Info: Capture key moments throughout the festival for promotional and archival purposes.

Skills: Basic photography skills, own camera preferred.

Live Social Reporters

Level: Intermediate

Info: Provide live updates on social media during events, highlighting key moments and announcements.

Skills: Proficient in social media platforms, good writing skills.

Production & Operations

Film Competitions Assistant

Level: Intermediate

Info: Help organize and manage film competition entries and related activities.

Skills: Detail-oriented, good organisational skills.

Green Room Assistant

Level: Intermediate

Info: Manage the green room area, ensuring guests and speakers are comfortable and informed.

Skills: Organised, good interpersonal skills.

Hospitality & Events

Guest Liaison

Level: Intermediate

Info: Serve as the main contact for festival guests, ensuring they have a positive experience.

Skills: Excellent communication and hospitality skills.

Venue Assistant

Level: Beginner

Info: Assist with the setup and maintenance of event venues, ensuring they are ready for use.

Skills: Attentive to detail, reliable.

Events Assistant

Level: Intermediate

Info: Support the Event Coordinator in managing and executing events smoothly.

Skills: Strong organisational and multitasking skills.

Remote Volunteering

Online Events Assistant

Level: Intermediate

Info: Act as a voice for our online delegates and attendees, ensuring their engagement and participation.

Skills: Computer literate.

Social Media Assistant

Level: Intermediate

Info: Manage the comments feed on various platforms, communicate to online delegates during the festival sessions.

Skills: Computer literate, good with various applications.

Application Process

If you're ready to join as a volunteer for Wildscreen Festival 2024, please [submit your application here](#).

Deadline for applications close – Wednesday 31st July 2024.

We work to ensure the festival is accessible to everyone. If you have any questions about whether a role is suitable for you, please get in touch via

volunteers@wildscreen.org.uk

We particularly encourage applications from those who are significantly underrepresented in our sector, including those identifying as women, LGBTQIA+, ethnically diverse individuals, low-socioeconomic backgrounds, neurodiverse, or disabled.