

## Volunteer Role Profile: Singing for the Mind

**Department:** Craft  
**Responsible to:** Community Producer  
**Supervised by:** Community Producer

### Background

Farnham Maltings is a pioneering cultural organisation based in Surrey with a local, national and international reach. For over 50 years, Farnham Maltings has been bringing artists, makers and communities together to improve the quality of people's lives through art. Our extensive programme includes theatre, cinema, craft, comedy, music, festivals, workshops and family activities. In addition, we have run the Museum of Farnham since 2012 and we also provide a range of community outreach activities in the local area. We have over 100 volunteers at the Maltings and Museum and are extremely grateful for the time and expertise they bring. For more information about what we do, please see [Home | Farnham Maltings](#)

### Singing for the Mind

Singing for the Mind is part of our thriving community programme and takes place at the Maltings on Monday afternoons for people with dementia and their carers. It involves a lively and light-hearted hour of singing with experienced singing leaders. A chance to share memories and a love of songs of all styles from jazz and show-stoppers to gospel and folk. This activity is supported by Right at Home. For more information, please see [Singing for the Mind | Farnham Maltings](#)

### Main Objectives

- Meet and greet the attendees and their carers
- Support the singing leader during the session

### Main Tasks

- Collect the Singing for the Mind box from the Box Office
- Welcome attendees and their carers
- Take tickets, complete the register and write name labels
- Complete a new sign-up form for new attendees
- Assist with the refreshments
- Give out the music and song sheets
- Sing with the group and encourage participation
- Assist the Duty Officers with the safe evacuation of the building in the event of a fire or other emergency.
- Report any accidents, incidents or concerns to a member of Maltings staff.
- Help clear up at the end
- Take the Singing for the Mind box and ticket stubs back to the box office

### Commitment

Singing for the Mind volunteers are required from 1.15pm - 3.15pm on a Monday. There is an online rota system in place.

**Key Qualities, Experience and Skills**

*Please note that Maltings volunteers must be aged 18+.*

Requirements	Essential	Desirable
Personal Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reliable</li> <li>Friendly, courteous and sociable</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A love of singing</li> </ul>
Experience and Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good communication skills</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Experience of interacting with people with dementia</li> </ul> <p><i>Please note training will be given</i></p>

**Application Process**

- Complete an application form including 2 references
- Informal chat at the Maltings to find out more about the role
- Taster session
- Approval of references

**Onboarding Process** *(if the application process has been successful)*

- Attend an induction session including evacuation procedure
- Sign our Volunteer Agreement
- 6-week review to check you are happy with everything and to answer any queries

**Benefits of Volunteering at the Maltings**

- Being part of a pioneering cultural organisation with a regional, national & international reach.
- A friendly and lively environment to work in.
- Ongoing training to ensure that you feel comfortable with your volunteering.
- Complimentary tickets for personal use (conditions apply depending on the event).
- Free tea or instant coffee whilst on volunteering duty.
- Free parking whilst on volunteering duty.
- A range of social events including coffee mornings, summer BBQ and Christmas party.
- A regular volunteer newsletter to keep you updated with information.

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To receive an application form or if you have any queries, please contact our volunteering team:  
[fm.volunteer@farnhammaltings.com](mailto:fm.volunteer@farnhammaltings.com)

***Thank you for your interest in volunteering at the Maltings - we look forward to hearing from you!***