



Bee Inclusive 'Bee Visible' Arts Project and 2025 Exhibition

Volunteering for our 'Bee Visible' Arts Project and 2025 Exhibition

About The Project:

Bee Inclusive is a not-for-profit Community Interest Group founded in Greater Manchester and based in The Bury SEND Hub in Radcliffe.

We provide social opportunities for children and young people with SEND (Special, Educational Needs and Disabilities) who live in Bury. For more information about Bee Inclusive please visit [Home | Bee Inclusive](#).

Bee Inclusive have received funding from the Bury Culture Fund made possible by the UK Government through their UK Shared Prosperity Fund. To provide a 12 month arts programme for children (5-16 years) with special educational needs and disabilities. The art work produced within this programme will be exhibited at Bee Inclusive's 'Bee Visible' 2025 exhibition. This will be a public exhibition held in Bury in celebration of the SEND community. For more information on this project please visit [BEE Visible Project and Exhibition | Bee Inclusive](#)

The project will consist of a series of art workshops led by a variety of local artists. Workshops are expected to take place at various times throughout July 2024 – February 2025. Some at The Bury SEND Hub in Radcliffe, others at accessible venues throughout Bury.

Project Aims:

- To encourage and create accessible and inclusive opportunities for children/young people with SEND to get creative, learn new skills whilst making friends and finding their place within a community.
- To introduce and promote disability arts whilst bringing disability arts into mainstream settings.
- Increase representation of individuals with SEND within our local community and the arts community.
- To share the unique experiences of the SEND community.
- To celebrate Bury's SEND community.

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The Volunteering Role

We are asking for volunteers to apply to help us to offer support throughout workshops. The role of our volunteers includes:

- Assisting our freelance artists who are leading the workshops, following the guidance of the artists and Bee Inclusive staff, volunteers offer verbal and hands-on support where needed to assist the children with special educational needs and disabilities who are participating in the workshops. In doing so they support the development of creative skills, confidence and social interaction. (Please be aware you will not be left in charge or be made responsible for any children. Parent/carers will attend the workshops to support their children. The volunteer's role is to provide additional support).
- Help Bee Inclusive facilitators set up the room and prepare art materials
- Welcoming families as they arrive, offering hot drinks to parent/carers. Helping arrivals sign into the building.
- Help Bee Inclusive facilitators clear away materials and clean up after the workshops.

We would also appreciate volunteers that can support during our public exhibition, activities ranging from assisting Bee Inclusive staff with exhibition preparation and set up to meeting and greeting exhibition visitors.

Parent/carers are required to stay on site to supervise their child, thus there will be no expectation for volunteers to assist in any personal care or feeding requirements. Volunteers will not be left alone with children. Parent/carers will supervise at all times.

We welcome volunteers from diverse backgrounds and fields including student, professional and creative. There is no requirement for volunteers to come from an art background. You may choose to give your time to the Bee Visible project for many different reasons, whether that be to spend time doing something enjoyable and supporting others in the community, to gain experience in the arts, social care, psychology, education and health. You may be a parent/carer who has a child/young person with SEND or a grandparent or family member.

Skills Required to Volunteer:

- Good communication
- Patience
- Enthusiasm

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- Flexibility
- Punctuality
- Kindness
- Care
- Calmness

Each series of workshops will consist of anywhere from 3-5 individual weekly workshops facilitated by the same artists with the same children participating. In addition, they will be scheduled to run on the same day and time of the week at the same location.

We are asking volunteers assisting to commit, where possible, to attend each weekly workshop to maintain consistency for the children participating and development of work. We are flexible with volunteer availability, but are hoping volunteers could support at least 2 hours a month over the next 9 months between July 2024 – February 2025. An initial 2 hours of their time for induction and training and as many hours as possible during the final exhibition in March 2025.

Volunteers receive a full induction, including safeguarding training and a health and safety induction at The Bury SEND Hub. All volunteers are required to undertake a DBS check which will be done at the expense of Bee Inclusive. All volunteers will receive a 'Bee Visible Project' T-Shirt and lanyard. All volunteers will have the opportunity to ask for references following the project for future volunteering or job opportunities.

Why Volunteer with Bee Inclusive

Volunteering with Bee Inclusive provides valuable experience working with children with special educational needs and their extended families. It can be a beneficial addition to a CV and supports personal and professional development. As Bee Inclusive exclusively supports families within Bury, volunteering with us is a way of giving back to your own community.

"I've had an incredible experience as a volunteer with Bee Inclusive. I spent time with some inspiring people providing children and their parents with fantastic experiences. I loved spending time with the children and seeing them enjoy themselves and watching their passion and skills develop. I felt comfortable and that everything had been explained to me by the in order to provide a great experience for everyone involved." - Sarah

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We welcome applications from persons of all cultures, backgrounds and abilities.

Schedule

16th June – Deadline for applications

20th - 24th June – Informal conversations with Volunteer applications, getting to know you sessions

27th – 28th June Date TBC – Induction and training

1st July 2024 - 28th February 2025 – Workshops running throughout Bury

March 2025 date TBC – Bee Visible Public Exhibition

How to apply

Please complete the application form which is available on our website. You will find it on the [BEE Visible Project and Exhibition | Bee Inclusive](#) page of our website or it can be accessed by following this link

[Volunteer Application Form - Google Forms](#)

If you require this information in another format, or to submit your application in another format contact Kandice at hellobeeinclusive@gmail.com

We look forward to meeting you!

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