

# HASTINGS CONTEMPORARY

Hastings Contemporary champions modern and contemporary art. An ambitious programme of temporary exhibitions includes work by important Modern British artists, and internationally celebrated artists.

Hastings Contemporary has developed a reputation for its focus on painting and on Modern British art. The gallery sits among Hastings's famous net huts, overlooking the largest beach-launched fishing fleet in Europe.



We nurture creative relationships with artists and our community. We offer a welcoming space for families to explore our exhibitions; we facilitate workshops and courses to energise people to get creative and to gain skills and knowledge to pursue careers in the arts. We also work extensively with local schools. We want local families to feel that Hastings Contemporary is a space where they can create, as well as to visit, reinforcing our ambition of creating a shared space for our community.

We want art to matter more to more people.

This summer we will be offering reduced price entry to families every Wednesday and delivering extra activities to make Hastings Contemporary the best family day out in Hastings. Volunteers are a crucial part of the Hastings Contemporary Team and as part of our summer offer, we would like to pilot family volunteering. We are looking for family groups to become volunteer hosts on our family days to help welcome other families to the gallery and encourage them to make the most of their visit.

## Family Host Role Description.



### **What's involved?**

This summer we are looking for families to join our team as hosts to other families and young people, welcoming them into the gallery and supporting them to get the most out of their visit. Working with our team and artist facilitators, we would love for you to get involved with the different activities within the gallery, encouraging families to have a go at drawing, reading, listening, dancing, dressing up and more.

As family hosts you will ensure a fun and friendly environment but at the same time keeping the gallery and its exhibitions safe as well as providing information about the gallery, its exhibitions and facilities.

### **The role will suit you if:**

- We are entirely flexible about what a family looks like but whilst you are volunteering you will need to be responsible for your family members as well as being able to fulfil your volunteering role. You will know best whether this is the right opportunity for your family and which members it will suit.
- Enjoy meeting people and have a friendly and approachable manner.
- You can volunteer for a minimum of two half days across the following dates: 27 July, 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 August.
- You can attend Our Family Host briefing on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 6-8pm – if you aren't able to attend then please let us know and we will try to arrange another time for an introduction to the role.

### **What you will gain**

- Training and support to fulfil your role
- Free entry to the gallery for the summer programme, as well as complimentary tickets for friends and family.
- Meet like-minded people and have fun

- The opportunity to share your interest in creativity with other families

<b>Role Title:</b>	Family Host
<b>Responsible to:</b>	Volunteer Coordinator/ Head of Partnerships and Engagement
<b>Liaison with:</b>	All staff Learning / workshops / activity participants.
<b>Purpose of Role:</b>	To support the Engagement Team in facilitating learning activities with young people and families. To provide a positive and engaging experience for visitors and participants.
<b>Main Duties and Responsibilities:</b>	Engage the participants with our exhibitions. Support the artist facilitator in practical tasks such as setting up and clearing down the studio and gallery spaces for activities. Engage with visitors about the exhibitions, gallery events, and learning programme. To ensure the security of artwork and galleries during workshops, as well as be responsible for your family members in the gallery spaces. Other duties commensurate with the general responsibilities of the role.
<b>Role specification:</b>	Good communication skills, ability to positively interact with families, young people and staff, punctual, reliable, professional and security conscious.

#### About You:

Please note that we take security data seriously at Hastings Contemporary. We do not sell, rent, or trade the data we have. We will only use your data in the way in which it was entrusted to us. We hold all data in compliance with GDPR and only work with partners who are also GDPR compliant. If you wish to know about how we hold data on volunteers, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator on application to becoming a volunteer.

<b>Name (Main family contact):</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Telephone Number:</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>	

Tell us a little bit about you, your family and why you would like to become family hosts at Hastings Contemporary – please include details of which family members would be volunteering and the ages of anyone under 16 years old:

**Your Availability:**

Opening Hours:	Morning	x	Afternoon	x
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	10.45 - 2.15		1.45 - 5.15	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2022	10.45 - 2.15		1.45 - 5.15	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	10.45 - 2.15		1.45 - 5.15	
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	10.45 - 2.15		1.45 - 5.15	
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	10.45 - 2.15		1.45 - 5.15	
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2022	10.45 - 2.15		1.45 - 5.15	

How many shifts can you commit to? *	
Are there any shifts you are not available?	

\*You do not need to commit to lots of shifts. We hope that you will enjoy yourselves so much that you want to – but we understand that you may only be able to do one of two.

Please send a copy of this application by email to [info@hastingscontemporary.org](mailto:info@hastingscontemporary.org) or by post to Hastings Contemporary, Rock-a-Nore Road, Hastings, East Sussex, TN34 3DW.