



ROAR Volunteer





Where We Came From

ROAR was established in 2005 by a small group of committed professional artists who had a vision of a thriving and collective Arts Community in Rotherham. An important driver has been the lack of visible artistic community and the long term loss of local expertise to other areas. The founders were determined to promote Arts as part of the fabric of our community and provide opportunities for local people to enjoy high quality creative and cultural experiences in Rotherham. This is how ROAR began and continues the journey to ensure the Arts Sector is an integral part of Rotherham's community, social and economic growth.

Our Ethos

ROAR is committed to its vision and using all available resources to make the vision happen. We are ambitious. We are ready to go over, under or through the agendas that impact on our members and us. We know that the next few years are going to be challenging in terms of the economic environment, reduced funding and changing government priorities. Rotherham is not well placed to cope with these changes, which are having a significant impact on local communities. We know from history that during such periods, the Arts lose favour and popularity in terms of investment but thrive through collaboration, partnership and innovation. ROAR is determined to work in partnership to innovate and begin the process of cultural change in Rotherham, change that is community led and where creativity is valued. We want to encourage and inspire local people and encourage communities to feel good about themselves and about where they live. We will advocate that Art is a necessity, not a luxury in community regeneration.

ROAR Vision

Rotherham as defined by the Arts

ROAR Mission

To work in partnership to create an environment where creativity is valued and can thrive

ROAR Values

ROAR is committed to action which values creativity as an essential human right and that it is fundamental to our ability to stimulate social change.



What We Do

ROAR's central purpose is to support the development of an active, vibrant and influential Arts Sector in Rotherham. We care passionately about engaging people in creativity. Equally we care about the quality of the art forms which we support people to produce. ROAR is committed to equal opportunities and to ensuring that its services are relevant and accessible to the diverse arts sector and communities of Rotherham. To raise the profile of the Arts, ROAR has developed and led a number of activities and events to promote local arts to people across the region and beyond.

To ensure that we realise our vision and deliver our commitment ROAR has defined its Aims and objectives as follows:

ROAR Aims and Objectives

- **To sustain a vibrant and independent ROAR Arts Centre**
 - Develop and promote a cohesive and collaborative Arts community in Rotherham
 - Provide an environment to enable artists to produce and promote their work
- **To cultivate and enable artists to grow and be sustainable**
 - Provide infrastructure support services to emerging and established artists and arts organisations
 - Establish a market for Arts in Rotherham
- **To increase the profile and influence of the Arts in Rotherham's regeneration**
 - Research and promote the impact of Rotherham's Arts Sector on regeneration
 - Provide opportunities for the Rotherham Arts Sector to influence decision making
- **To develop ROAR as an effective, sustainable and specialist Arts infrastructure organisation**
 - Improve ROAR's internal systems and structures
 - Strengthen partnerships with statutory, private and VCS sectors



ROAR

Volunteer Pack

Volunteers can play an important role within ROAR

ROAR works with volunteers to develop transferrable skills, promote community cohesion and encourage cross generation learning.

All prospective volunteers will be interviewed to assess what they would like to do, their skills, suitability and how best their potential might be realised. Volunteers will be required to fill out an application form and follow ROAR's selection process. This will include two references from former / current employers or suitable referees and the willingness to undergo a Police Check (CRB) to ensure the suitability / appropriateness of employment / volunteering. Police checks are mandatory and of particular relevance where volunteers may be working within areas of vulnerability.

Personal Details

Full Name	
Address	
Postcode	
Tel	
Mobile	
Email	



Application Form

Position applied for

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Experience skills

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Information to support your application

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Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974:

Do you have any unspent convictions?

If yes, please specify

Please note that a conviction will not necessarily exclude you from volunteering with ROAR, but will be taken into account when assessing your suitability

References

If you have worked in the past five years, at least one reference should be obtained from your last employer. If not, give the names of people who know you well.

Referee 1

Name

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Address

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Postcode

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Tel

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Email

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In what capacity do you know referee 1?

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Referee 2

Name

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Address

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Postcode

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Tel

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Email

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In What Capacity do you know referee 2?

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We, ROAR, will do our best:

- To introduce you to how the organisation works and your role in it and to provide any training you need.
- To provide regular meetings with a main point of contact so that you can tell us if you are happy with how your tasks are organised and get feedback from us.
- To respect your skills, dignity and individual wishes and to do our best to meet them.
- To reimburse your travel and meal costs up to our current maximum (discuss with main point of contact).
- To consult with you and keep you informed of possible changes.
- To insure you against injury you suffer or cause due to negligence.
- To provide a safe workplace.
- To apply our equal opportunities policy.
- To apply our complaints procedure if there is any problem.

I, [the volunteer], agree to do my best:

- To work reliably to the best of my ability, and to give as much warning as possible whenever I cannot work when expected
- To follow ROAR rules and procedures, including health and safety, equal opportunities and confidentiality.

Declaration

I understand that any offer of volunteering with Rotherham Open Arts is subject to satisfactory references, and binding in honour only.
In accordance with the 1998 Data Protection Act, I agree that ROAR may hold and use personal information about me for volunteering reasons and to keep in touch with me. This information, including that contained in this form can be stored on both manual or computer files. It will be held securely and only accessed by authorised personnel.

Signature

Date

