



henley youth festival

Henley Youth Festival needs you

The Festival goes from strength to strength each year but several of the current volunteers have been working for the Festival since it began 17 years ago and their children have long since left school. The Festival needs fresh faces and new ideas to take it forward.

As volunteers you get a lot out of working for the Festival:

- **A chance to do something you might have always wanted to do;** for example, organising arts events, creating a great programme of events for under 5's or for teenagers, co-ordinating sports events, creating displays or fundraising.
- **Maintaining skills and keeping something constructive on the CV if you are taking a career break;** great for accountants, teachers, lawyers, musicians, artists and other professionals.
- **Huge appreciation for your skills;** whether that is being great at handling administration, shaping inspiring competitions, lending expertise to music events or building relationships with schools, Trusts and Sponsors.
- **Great fun! And great satisfaction at being a part of probably the biggest Youth Festival in the country run entirely by volunteers and one that offers every child in Henley space to discover their talents.**

What's on offer

(any of these could be done by one person, as a job share or by a group of friends together – men and women equally welcome):

Key:

% = small amounts of time needed throughout the year – organise to fit with your commitments

& = time needed in HYF fortnight – can be fitted around work – many of us do!

Sports Co-ordinator and Team members – organising inter-school sports events and involving older students in leading them. Help out or organise just one event or co-ordinate the Henley Olympics (just a thought!) Lots of new faces needed here – current co-ordinator (over 10 years service!) will be around to help and support but wants to be more 'behind the scenes'.

To ask about this call: Julia on 578062 (m) 07838 586758

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Fundraiser – no money, no HYF. If you ever wanted to try charity fundraising this is your chance. Liaise with current sponsors and grant providers; companies, charitable trusts etc and find new ones. Current fundraiser available this year to guide and share ideas. %

To talk about this one call Madeleine on: 577220 (m) 07795382511

Treasurer – manage the money, pay expenses, keep the books. No previous experience required – though being handy with a calculator might be good. %
Call Helen M to ask about this one: 578855 (m) 07792637122

Health & Safety – make sure event co-ordinators do risk assessments, keeping the paperwork, informing other volunteers what's required, liaising with Trustees. No previous experience needed – current co-ordinator available for hand over this year
Call Sarah to ask about this one: 07900894311 %

Entertainer – a chance to co-ordinate this hugely popular event on Friday night of the Festival. Follow the current formula or make it your own. No entertainment experience needed. %&
Helen Mc will be able to tell you more – call: 628535 (m) 07872162877

13+ workshops/events – liaising with Gillots and Henley College – teachers and students - to decide what events would best complement their curriculums then working out how to provide them. Again, we have the contacts but need new ideas. Great job for a Gillots/Henley college parent. %&
Call Jane to discuss this: 579779 (m) 07913184548

Under 5's Co-ordinator – build a programme of fun events for Under 5's during Festival week. We have some contacts – you bring the energy and knowledge about what under 5's might like: % &
To talk about this one call Antonia on: 575460 (m) 07947 274462

PLUS General Volunteers – we really need a pool of people we can call on for just a few hours during the festival weeks to help look after the children who take part in a whole range of events, put up displays, help with competition entries etc. Whether sport, theatre, or behind the scenes is your thing we need you and would really appreciate your help.

**If you have some time, we can find you a job.
Let us know you have some time by calling Tina on: 01491 636057**

PLEASE DON'T THINK SOMEONE ELSE WILL VOLUNTEER – IT'S YOU WE NEED.