

Volunteer Role Description

Art project volunteers

From July until November 2018 Saint Patrick's Cathedral will prepare a new temporary art installation to be exhibited in the Cathedral to mark the centenary of the end of World War One. This installation will use messages which have been left at the Tree of Remembrance as its centrepiece. These messages (which are in the shape of leaves) will be hung from the ceiling of the Cathedral. They will be installed in late October/ early November and remain in situ for a week either side of Remembrance/ Armistice Sunday (11th November).

220,000 leaves will be mounted and displayed throughout the building. These leaves symbolise the men and women who directly participated in World War One. 30,000 of these leaves will be hung from the ceiling of the Cathedral on transparent wire symbolising the men and women who never returned home from this war.

Between July and November 2018 the Education Department will lead the development of this installation. 30,000 leaves will be strung with transparent wire so that they can be hung within the Cathedral. This work will be relatively straight forward to carry out but extremely time consuming. It has been estimated that approximately 350 hours of work will be required to carry out this piece of the project successfully.

Tasks

Volunteers will be asked to assist in almost all aspects of the delivery of this project. Their primary task will be to assist in threading transparent wire through around 30,000 messages. Other related tasks will also be required such as sorting and stacking messages.

Time commitment

Volunteers are asked to commit to 1 afternoon a week from August to November (from around 14.00 until 16.30).

Location

Volunteers will be based in the Cathedral's south transept (arm).

Prior experience, training etc

Volunteers do not need any prior experience or skills. The primary task (of stringing wire through the messages) would suit people with a background/ interest in craft, sewing, knitting etc.

Support and supervision

Volunteers primary point of contact in the Cathedral is either Ciara or Andrew in the Education Department. Either or both will present during afternoon sessions to provide guidance.

Benefits

Volunteers are an essential component in this project. This installation will be officially launched at the start of November 2018 and all volunteers involved will be invited to a social evening to celebrate and mark this occasion. It is expected that this installation will receive national, and possibly international media attention and is a great opportunity to be involved in a landmark exhibition at the Cathedral.

Volunteers will work in small groups and tea/ coffee will be provided throughout. The project will provide volunteers with a great opportunity to meet and work with new people.

Expectations

Volunteers are asked to sign a volunteer agreement upon starting in the Cathedral. They are expected to abide by the non-staff code of conduct. We ask volunteers to commit to working with us on this project between now and its opening in November. We understand that some volunteers may miss a session owing to unforeseen circumstances but we would ask that volunteers agree in good faith to attend as many sessions as possible.