



## **Summer in Sutton 2026 Commission Panelist – Volunteer Role Description**

### **Volunteer for London Borough of Sutton Cultural Services**

The service consists of 8 libraries and 3 heritage houses across the borough. In summer 2026, Cultural Services will be producing **Summer in Sutton** - a free events and activities programme for primary school aged children in the borough, that aims to support their wellbeing and foster a love of reading.

As part of the programme, we'll be commissioning 22 free events that meet the project's aims, to be led by local facilitators in the performing and creative arts, as well as sports and physical activity. We're looking for a small number of youth volunteers (aged 14 - 17) and adult volunteers (18+) to be part of a panel that shapes this programme. The panel will also include members of Cultural Services staff.

#### **Applicants must be able to:**

- Commit to reviewing a large number of commission applications, with the support of Cultural Services.
- Share your questions and opinions around bids both verbally and in writing.
- Commit to an in person meeting with the rest of the panel in late February / early March 2026, in which commissions will be reviewed, scored and decided upon.

#### **Skills required:**

- A warm, polite and friendly manner
- Enthusiasm for meeting and chatting with people
- Interest in the local area
- Interest or experience in the cultural or health sectors
- Interest or experience in working with children
- A proactive and positive attitude
- Confidence sharing your opinions

**Time commitment:** Up to 2 hours reviewing bid information independently, plus up to 2 hours meeting with the rest of the panel for discussion.

**Where:** Reviewing of bid information can be done independently from your chosen location. The panel meeting will take place in person, at Sutton Central Library (SM1 1EA).

## Benefits to you:

- Opportunity to meet new people
- Opportunity to contribute to a borough wide funded project
- Sharing your knowledge and enthusiasm to make a difference to the children's offer in Sutton
- Learn new skills and enhance current skills
- Improve your CV and future job prospects, or your UCAS application (youth volunteers)
- Gain a sense of pride and satisfaction from helping others in your local community

## How to apply:

If you are interested in this opportunity, please send your CV (if you have one) and a paragraph about why you are interested in and suitable for the role to [arts@sutton.gov.uk](mailto:arts@sutton.gov.uk) by **Friday 20th February 2026**.

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