



ARTS AND ALZHEIMERS PROGRAM 2017 VOLUNTEER EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

BRAG is currently seeking volunteers who are interested in participating in our 2017 Arts and Alzheimer's program.



About the Program

BRAG's Arts and Alzheimer's program provides specially tailored gallery tours to care facility residents living with dementia. Tours are conducted by our team of trained volunteers, and offer an experience which is intellectually stimulating and an opportunity for social interaction. Tour groups are kept to a maximum of four participants to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to contribute.

During each tour, three or four artworks are selected for in depth discussion. Constructing conversation around artworks provides a focal point for conversation and creates the time and space needed for all participants to contribute, share their knowledge and listen to others.



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The program is offered in 8 week blocks, with one gallery tour each fortnight, and volunteers work in teams of three to deliver the sessions. Tours are generally held in the mornings to maximise participant engagement. It is recommended that facilities bring the same participants each fortnight.

Tours are offered at no charge to participants or care facilities.

Volunteer Role

Volunteers work in a team of three to select appropriate artworks and deliver gallery tours to small groups of people with dementia. This may involve some research into artworks to be discussed, however the focus of the tours is on facilitating opportunities for participants to engage with and discuss the works themselves. Experience in the arts is not necessary to be part of this program, BRAG will provide training on engaging with and talking about artworks.

Volunteers will work with the same group of participants within an 8 week block, and we ask that you commit to the program of one year, which will involve delivering between 8-16 tours depending on your availability.

Volunteers will be supported by trained care providers at all times, and are not responsible for the personal care of participants.

Volunteer Requirements

- Excellent communication and listening skills and lots of patience
- Enjoy working with elderly members of our community
- Attend volunteer induction and training sessions. **Induction Training will be held on Tuesday 21st February 2017, between 9am and 5pm.**
- Commitment to the program for a period of one year
- Availability on a weekday morning, once a fortnight
- National police check clearance

Experience working with people with dementia and knowledge of the arts are **not** required, but volunteers must be willing to learn these skills. BRAG will provide training in these areas.

What BRAG provides

- Induction training for volunteers
- Ongoing structured and unstructured training for volunteers, including special events and exhibition previews
- Resources on upcoming exhibitions and access to our library/study area
- 10% discount on gallery workshops and events for active volunteers

Get Involved

For more information, please contact Michele Grimston, Education Officer at BRAG on 9792 7321 or mgrimston@bunbury.wa.gov.au

To register your interest in the program, please complete and return the attached form to mgrimston@bunbury.wa.gov.au



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Name

Email

Phone Number

Preferred contact method Phone ☐ Email ☐

Availability Mon ☐ Tues ☐ Wed ☐ Thurs ☐ Fri ☐

Do you have any of the following?

☐ National Police Check

☐ Experience working in the arts

☐ Experience working with people living with dementia

*Please note, these are not essential criteria

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