

Activity Volunteer: All Things Italian

Role Description

- Department:** Community Services
- Location:** Wimbledon Guild Lounge, SW19 4EF
- Commitment:** Ongoing volunteer opportunity
- Monday (Weekly) 11:00-12:00



About Us	Wimbledon Guild is a community charity offering practical help and personal support, so people in Merton never have to face life's challenges alone. Whether money's tight, someone is feeling low or overwhelmed, or they're looking for new friends and activities locally, we're always here.
All things Italian	Led by volunteers, the group explores Italy's culture, food, and people and gives people a chance to brush up on their Italian along the way. Whether group members learnt Italian at school or would just like to expand on their holiday vocabulary, our All things Italian volunteers help members navigate their way around Italy and discover the country in all its glory! We ask all our group members to have a basic knowledge of Italian before attending.
What you will be doing?	We're looking for someone that is happy to host and plan the weekly sessions and encourage the group to practice their vocabulary and grammar. You will be supported by a volunteer that is fluent in Italian and can help you prepare the sessions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take the lead in planning and preparing the content for the weekly sessions. Focussing on various topics, such as food, culture, festivals, and regions. • Utilising various mediums to research and deliver classes such as Google, Youtube, and travelogues. • Help group members improve their speech and grammar by in class conversations and occasionally light-touch homework for group members. • Liaise with the Community Engagement Team regularly, providing feedback and reporting problems and concerns.

Is this role right for you?	<p>Our volunteers don't need any particular qualifications, but we're looking for volunteers who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have excellent communications skills and feel comfortable hosting a class and preparing material. • Good understanding of Italian language and grammar. • Are patient and able to motivate others. • Work as part of a team and help create a friendly, sociable, and non-judgemental atmosphere. • Offer a warm welcome to people from various backgrounds and communities. • Ask for support when and where it is needed. • Can attend relevant training sessions and take direction from the Community Engagement team. • Follow our policies and procedures, including Safeguarding and Boundaries. • Are open to wearing a mask when in close contact with participants or around Wimbledon Guild premises.
What is in it for you?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share your passion for teaching or Italian culture! • Apply or develop your existing skills and experience. • Connect with others and be part of a welcoming volunteer team. • Support a local charity. • Enhance your CV or UCAS application.
How we can support you?	<p>To ensure that you're supported and confident in your role, you will be assigned a WG point of contact who can help you with any questions or concerns that you might have. We will invite you to an induction session and role-specific training throughout the year, either in-person, online, or through an e-module. To keep you up to date with the latest news, we will send you our monthly volunteer newsletter, invitations to volunteer socials, and regular catchup meetings.</p>
Volunteer expenses	<p>We're more than happy to reimburse you for reasonable out-of-pocket travel expenses per visit. All expenses must be agreed upon and signed off by the Community Engagement team and submitted monthly, either by email or in-person. We will only be able to reimburse you for the amount specified and payment will be made by bank transfer.</p>
Minimum age	<p>This role is open to anyone aged 18 years old.</p>
DBS check	<p>Due to the nature of the role, we ask all our volunteers to complete a Basic DBS check.</p>
How to apply	<p>If you are interested in the role, we would love to hear from you. Please complete our Volunteer Application Form - CLICK HERE</p> <p>We welcome volunteers from all backgrounds and communities. If you would like to speak to a member of the team about how we can best support you while volunteering with us, require a hardcopy application, or would like assistance completing the form, please call 020 8946 0735 or email volunteer@wimbledonguild.co.uk.</p>