

## ECHC Arts Volunteer – Space Academy

### About Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity (ECHC)

ECHC is the charity that supports hospital and healthcare settings for children across Edinburgh and the Lothians. We provide distractions, help pay to make spaces more welcoming and child friendly, support families and so much more. We aim to make the time that children spend in hospital that little bit easier, less scary, and more fun.

### Volunteer Role Description

Role Title	Arts Volunteer – Space Academy
Purpose of Role	<p>To support an ECHC Arts Officer to deliver the Space Academy programme to children and young people in the RHCYP.</p> <p>Space Academy is a 21-day programme of activities for completion by children and young people who are clinically isolated. The programme has been developed based on the daily routine and experiences of an astronaut, likening it to that of a child's daily hospital routine.</p>
Location	RHCYP
Hours	<p>Mondays – 10am - 12:30pm (weekly)</p> <p>Wednesdays – 10am - 12:30pm (weekly)</p> <p>Minimum of 1 slot per week. Initially this role is for a period of 6 weeks.</p> <p>(After this the role may change and could be shaped by the volunteer depending on their interests. This role could expand to assisting with space week 4 – 10 October and helping with a space stand in the hospital).</p>
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Liaising with staff to identify children and young people who would like to participate.</li> <li>▪ Supporting children and young people to engage in the Space Academy Project.</li> <li>▪ Setting up a new user with the app</li> <li>▪ Making up 'space academy' packs of art and science materials</li> <li>▪ Organising and making an inventory of materials</li> <li>▪ Taking materials to CYP on wards</li> <li>▪ Visiting children and young people on the hospital wards</li> <li>▪ Feeding back to the arts project team regarding young people who might benefit from additional input.</li> <li>▪ Contribute to evaluation at end of session.</li> <li>▪ Suggesting new activities or edits to the project</li> </ul> <p>The role could expand to include delivering space themed sessions in The Hub.</p>
Supervision	Tonya McMullan – Arts Officer

<p>Person Specification</p>	<p>We are looking for fun, friendly and approachable volunteers with the following skills and experience:</p> <p>Essential</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Enthusiasm for learning about something new or building on existing knowledge.</li> <li>▪ Organised approach - someone who likes arranging materials in a consistent and ordered way.</li> <li>▪ Excellent communication skillsEnthusiasm for developing knowledge and skills around arts in health.</li> <li>▪ Ability to adapt approach to young people with a variety of access needs</li> <li>▪ Reliable</li> <li>▪ Team Player</li> </ul> <p>Desirable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Experience working with children and young people</li> <li>▪ Enthusiasm and passion for Art and/or 'Space'</li> <li>▪ Confidence in a clinical/therapeutic environment</li> <li>▪ Experience in supporting facilitation of educational activities.</li> <li>▪ Understanding of issues impacting children and young people</li> <li>▪ Comfortable in using technology.</li> </ul> <p>A PVG Disclosure check will be required for this role (organised by ECHC)</p>
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