



Reading Festival Volunteer Info Pack

The festival season is coming up hooray!

Join the Mind in Haringey team for an unforgettable volunteering experience at this year's Reading Festival! From August 21st to 25th, immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere while contributing to a cause that matters.

As a volunteer, you'll play a crucial role in ensuring the festival-goers feel supported, with tasks ranging from setting up AIR Hub ready for the day to assisting attendees. With flexible shift patterns and comprehensive training provided, you'll have the opportunity to develop new skills and make a tangible difference in your community.

In exchange for a minimum of 2 shifts/12 hours of volunteering (6 hours per shift), you will receive a Weekender ticket to the festival, plus enjoy perks like complimentary food and water during your shifts!

Whether you're passionate about mental health advocacy or simply eager to get involved, volunteering with Mind in Haringey promises to be rewarding and impactful. We would like to invite you to volunteer with us and support fellow festival-goers.

Join us for an enriching experience that combines fun, community spirit, and meaningful contribution!

Reading Festival Details:

- Festival dates: 21st to 25th August
- [Link for the lineup here](#)
- Arrival for the set up: 21st August Wednesday
- Departure: 26th August Monday
(The last shift finishes either at midnight on Sunday or 6 am Monday)
- First Volunteer Shift: 6 pm on Wednesday, 21st August
- Setup: Volunteers needed to set up on Wednesday (21st August) and prepare by Thursday (22nd August).

Volunteer training (via Zoom):

- Wednesday the 7th August 5:30 pm
- Wednesday 14th August 5:30 pm
- Sunday 18th August 5:30 pm

Shift Patterns (6 hours each):

- 12 am - 6 am
- 6 am - 12 pm
- 12 pm - 6 pm
- 6 pm - 12 am

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Volunteer Requirements

- Each volunteer must cover two shifts, one early and one late.
- Minimum commitment: 1 shift per day for 2 days (of 6 hours each).
- A £50 deposit is required, which is fully refundable at the end of the festival.

Training and Safety

- Online training provided for all volunteers.
- Health and safety training day may be arranged.
- Safeguarding measures in place, including handling intoxicated individuals.

Facilities and Logistics

- Volunteers are provided with food and water during the shifts that they're working.
- We provide T-shirts and lanyards provided for identification.
- Insurance and risk assessment details to be clarified.
- Accommodation and travel expenses are not covered.
- Kitchen and bathroom facilities available.
- AIR Hub located in the staff camping area.

What to bring

- Your own tent and sleeping bag
- Toiletries
- Food and water for the times when you're not on shift
- Open and welcoming attitude

[Click here for the official link to what you can and can't bring to the festival.](#)

How to apply

Please fill out our [Festival Volunteer Application Form here](#) by answering:

- 50 words on why you want to volunteer with us.
- What experience do you have about Mental Health?
- Your preferred shift patterns.

There's a possibility for you to choose double shifts, please send us your preferred days and the times of shifts in your application. We will make every effort to accommodate everyone's preferences; however, we cannot guarantee that all requests will be fulfilled.

Depending on demand, we might have an additional selection process.

Application deadline: Friday, 28th June 2024

Any questions? Please reach out to admin@mih.org.uk