

## Memory Collecting Volunteer - Murmuration Arts

# Are you interested in people? Would you like to learn how to record personal Histories?

### Role Description

**Role:** Volunteer Research Interviewers      **Project name:** Nightlight Lullabies

**Company name:** Murmuration Arts Production

**Website:** [www.murmurationarts.co.uk](http://www.murmurationarts.co.uk)

**Main contact:** Parveen Khan

**Project location:** Crawley, UK

**Private View / Opening Night:** 31 March 2022

**Installations at Crawley Museum:** 1 Apr 2021 - 31 May 2022

### About the Company

Murmuration Arts create participatory, community-engaged oral history, theatre, dance and multi-disciplinary arts projects that collaborate with communities. Our work connects and builds community via reminiscence on local and cultural heritage, outdoor arts, street theatre, site-responsive performance, participatory dance, oral history, music, intergenerational workshops, cooking together, sharing stories, and craft activities.

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED:** We are looking for volunteers, local to Crawley, to assist with research interviews in the community, taking in local participant's stories and heritage lullabies / memories of sleep rituals for babies. You do not need any experience in research interviews / oral history, we will provide training. All you need is enthusiasm for heritage projects.

### Volunteers will receive support and training to:

- Attend and record oral history interviews
- Lead one oral history interview
- Ensure the person being interviewed is aware of their rights, the purpose of the interview, how the equipment works and what we plan to use the interview for after the interview
- Asking the interviewee to fill in a copyright release form, ensuring contact details are accurate and legible
- Explaining that copies of the transcribed interviews will be available for review after the interview and any sections they are not comfortable with removed
- Upload recorded interviews
- Summarise recorded interviews for archival purposes
- Copy and write up the material gathered so that it can be used by the project
- Being welcoming and caring to the person sharing their memories
- Sharing the details of the exhibition at Crawley Museum with friends and family

### What will you get out of it?

- Meet new people, build confidence
- Learn research, computer and interview skills
- Contribute to heritage and history material for The Rites of Passage exhibition at Crawley Museum
- We are happy to provide references for our volunteers

## Location, availability and commitment:

- Volunteering location for this project will be flexible based on the needs of the project / interviewees: Training and work might take place at: Crawley Museum, libraries or community centres with internet access, interviewees homes.
- This is a voluntary role. £20 travel and food expenses will be paid / training day on completion of a receipt of payment sheet.
- Commitment: We are looking for volunteers who can commit to the project for a period of 3 months: 3 half days of training (research technique, parent specific questions and transcribing), taking part in 1 interview with a parent and 1 day of interview processing, total 3 days.
- Training will take place in February.

**More about the project:** Our heritage project delivers high quality arts participation and personal history activity, inviting new parents from many cultures to share songs they've sung to children to help them sleep, and to share experiences of parenthood and other sleep rituals. The work culminates with a unique exhibition / installation at Crawley Museum. It will feature large, bespoke listening posts playing a lullaby created by Crawley parents and a soundscape of the oral histories collected. This project includes in-depth research with Crawley communities, the history of lullabies and experiences of baby caregivers in some of the most deprived areas of Crawley. We'll engage families from diverse cultural backgrounds, including different cultures and ethnic backgrounds as well as people at risk of deprivation and isolation.

## Application Process

Please email Parveen on [info@murmurationarts.co.uk](mailto:info@murmurationarts.co.uk) to request an application form.

**Deadline for applications is 4 February 2022.**

If you need support filling in the form or have any questions at all please text / call Parveen:

**Call / Text / WhatsApp: 07908 379 510**

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