☎ Appendix F – Example Volunteer Roles, Tasks and Skills

Select the roles, tasks and the associated skills, knowledge and attributes from this list that are applicable for your volunteers and adapt them to reflect your organisations tasks and needs. Start with the general skills that all volunteers may need.

General skills needed for all volunteer roles:

- Interpersonal communication skills listening and speaking, asking questions and checking understanding (at a level relevant to the role).
- Knowledge (or able to learn/transfer similar skills) about the content for the role and tasks (for example, knowledge of the collection, art form, venue, systems, safety procedures, exits etc.).
- Able to follow the processes, guidelines and rules of the organisation.
- Know when to ask for support.
- Operate honestly and ethically.
- Work in a team.

Role	Tasks	Skills, knowledge and attributes specific to tasks
Front of house	Welcoming and greeting visitors	Warm, friendly, polite, pleasant
	Providing information and directions	Clearly spoken
Related roles:	Supervising gallery spaces	Well organised
guide, host, greeter,	Showing people to seats	Calm manner (in emergencies or crowds)
usher, customer	Providing safety information and direction	Physical ability relevant to the task, (e.g. standing for x hours)
service, crowd control	Selling tickets	Knowledge and experience with different cultures
	Handling money	Knowledge about emergency procedures
		Able to operate ticket or computer booking systems
		Able to calculate change

Role	Tasks	Skills, knowledge and attributes specific to tasks
Supporting and hosting artists	Providing or arranging transport Providing or arranging accommodation Organising timetables and schedules Organising refreshments Organising equipment Accompanying artist to venues Hosting and being tour guide for artist Catering to artist's requests Participating in artist's film, media, documentary	Friendly, polite, pleasant Organised Time keeping Driving
Planning and administration Related roles: Event planning	Assisting with mail outs (of information, invitations etc) Preparing copy for labels Filing and administration Entering information into data bases and record management Making bookings Composing letters Event planning and co-ordination Arranging and booking venues Arranging and hiring equipment Organising supplies Arranging for transport or transporting goods	Organisational skills Able to use computer software, e.g. Word, Excel Able to use printers, photocopiers, etc. Able to use social media Knowledge of relevant processes or equipment (e.g. booking systems, filing systems, etc) Experience of writing letters

Role	Tasks	Skills, knowledge and attributes specific to tasks
Marketing and sales	Participating in meetings	Warm, friendly, polite, pleasant
	Giving information presentations	Clearly spoken
Related roles:	Making phone calls seeking contributions	Experience of public speaking
Promotion	Making applications for grants	Pleasant phone manner
Fund raising	Staffing promotional booths or stalls	Well organised
	Managing social media	Experience of writing proposals and reports
	Selling tickets	Knowledge and experience using social media
		Able to operate ticket or computer booking systems
		Able to calculate change
Back stage	Installing and dismounting exhibitions	Physical ability relevant to the tasks (e.g. using ladders, lifting)
	Unpacking and repacking work	Technical knowledge about the relevant tasks (e.g. using sound equipment)
Related roles:	Painting	
Technical support	Building sets	
	Assisting with props, lighting, sound	
	Sweeping and setting up venues	
Food and drink preparation and service	Serving and assisting at public events	Physical ability relevant to the tasks (e.g. standing for x hours; carrying boxes of
	Serving drinks	wine)
	Preparing and serving food	Polite and pleasant
	Clearing tables and cleaning dishes	Clearly spoken
	Taking food orders	Knowledge of drinks
	Handling money	Well organised
		Knowledge of alcohol laws and hygiene requirements
		Ability to calculate change