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Volunteering

Volunteering is a great thing to do. You can learn new skills, gain experience, face fresh challenges, make friends, enjoy being part of a team and most of all have fun helping to make events happen.

Major festivals

Major festivals always require extra help from volunteers. For example, the bigger festivals will need help with directing cars, and you can always guarantee that festivals will need litter-pickers. To increase your chances of being invited back year after year you need to demonstrate enthusiasm.

You can apply online to volunteer to work as part of the backstage crew at festivals with [Site Staff](#). Your application would be helped if you included a CV and details of relevant experience. You'll have to work for around 24 hours, in shifts before, during or after the event, so the best volunteers are always flexible. You have to pay a deposit of £100-£175, depending on the festival, which will be returned upon completion of the work.

[Soundbox](#) provides volunteers for a variety of tasks, from assisting festival goers with directions to helping them pitch their tents. If your application is successful, you'll have to work three 8-hour shifts.

Another option is to check directly with festival organisers to see if they're looking for volunteers. They usually have a dedicated area on their website. A common trait of volunteers whose services are always required is that they are friendly.

Opportunities with charities

Charities like [Samaritans](#) and [Oxfam](#) look for volunteers to help at festivals. Oxfam provides stewards who have to work three shifts over the duration of festivals like Glastonbury and Latitude. You're too late for this year, but keep an eye on the application page for details of next year's opportunities.

Paid work at a festival

KC Services pay people to work at festivals. You will have to work a few shifts as either a safety steward or a traffic marshal. During your shift, food will be provided. Any time you are not on duty, you will have free access to enjoy the festival. You can apply online. You'll have to be over 16 or 18, depending on the job.

If all else fails, form your own band. Who knows? Your band may be asked to play at a festival!

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