

TAKE ONE ACTION FILM FESTIVAL 2019

FESTIVAL VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION



Do you want a fairer, more sustainable world? Do you love international cinema and enjoy making links with other people who feel the same? If so, join the Take One Action Film Festival Volunteer Team!



"I valued the inclusiveness and the positive atmosphere. The team made great efforts to truly make us part of the festival and not just a convenient ad-hoc help." 2017 Volunteer

"I love to feel engaged in a community which values not just talking about the issues, but talking about what we can do to solve them. It feels so meaningful to be a part of a festival which brings beautifully crafted films and meaningful, productive discussions together." 2017 Volunteer

THE FESTIVAL

Take One Action run the UK's leading global change film festival, celebrating the people and the films that are changing the world. Our year-round screenings and events connect individuals and groups through film, creativity and action for a better world - starting from Scotland.

Established in 2008, we are an Edinburgh-based, independent charity founded by film lovers, cultural activists and international campaigners who believe that shared cinematic experiences can catalyse lasting change. Since our creation, our inclusive, participatory activities have reached over 62,000 people, bringing together local communities, filmmakers, campaigners, politicians, academics and artists to connect around stories of global concern and to explore their role in bringing about a fairer, more sustainable world.

The 2019 Take One Action Film Festival will take place in several (mainly city-centre-based) venues in Edinburgh & Glasgow from 18-29 September 2018, with additional festivals in Aberdeen 15-17 November & Inverness 22-24 November.

WHO CAN VOLUNTEER

We are looking for enthusiastic people who are passionate about social and environmental justice and who really want to be a part of a global change festival anchored in local communities – this will be **YOUR** festival and, if you're up for it, we want to involve you as much as possible in the design and running of it (hence why we're inviting you to get started so early!).

Applicants must be over 18. No previous experience is required – but a sociable nature, love of film, interest in social change and openness to different conversations are always helpful.

WHAT BEING A FESTIVAL VOLUNTEER INVOLVES

Whether you are **passionate about social movements, keen to (re-)connect with your community through film events and conversations**, interested in **festival and event management** or just looking for a new experience, our volunteering opportunities have something for you! Our Festival Volunteer role is spread over two time periods: during the festival itself, and over the summer.

During the Festival you will be asked to work **4 to 5 four-hour shifts** in Edinburgh or Glasgow. The main tasks will involve:

- welcoming the audience to each screening/event
- helping to run the box office / taking tickets etc. (in non-cinema venues only)
- assisting with the logistics of the post-screening discussions
- gathering and analysing evaluation and feedback from festival audiences
- engaging in discussion and conversation with audiences, guests and other volunteers

We really value the skills and passion that our volunteers bring to the festival. We also value volunteers' knowledge, aspirations and the community they are building. While helping with the delivery of the festival is a big part of the volunteering role, you will also be invited to get involved at a deeper level, with a variety of opportunities for engagement over the summer (if your availability and energy allow). These opportunities include:

SHORT FILM PROGRAMMING:

Help shape our short film programme! Watch, review and shortlist short films, to help diversify our festival programme and [TOA's online film catalogue](#) – a fantastic way to engage with diverse film content and to dip your toes into film curation.

EVENT DESIGN:

Have a fantastic idea for an engaging event? Go for it! We're keen to open up our planning and provide opportunities for volunteers to run fringe events as part of the overall festival programme – we are open to any relevant (and achievable) ideas, from hosting a community dinner before/after a screening to organising a workshop event to activate the conversation... This is your chance to bring your own event to life, under the TOA banner.

CONTENT CREATION:

Be the voice of the festival. Create original online content, in collaboration with our Marketing & Communications team: write blog posts, film and edit vox-pop videos, produce teaser trailers, photograph events etc. - a great opportunity to flex your creative muscles and get hands-on experience of marketing & online communications

FESTIVAL HEADQUARTERS HERO:

Get hands on experience of the logistics and delivery of a small film festival by helping the team in the TOA office! If you are interested in working in festivals then this is a great chance to see how it all comes together. We are very keen to provide you with the opportunity to develop the skills you want to and we will endeavour to prioritise the areas that you are most interested.

Full details of these exciting additional opportunities will be explained in more detail at the **Volunteer Meet-Up & Training Day - Saturday 4th May.**

WHAT YOU WILL GAIN:

By volunteering with Take One Action, you will:

- Gain **direct experience** of working for an exciting, unique global-change film festival;
- Learn **practical skills** in how to organise a small but ambitious film festival (programming, marketing, communications, event planning, logistics, evaluation);
- Have access to **fantastic, inspiring films** from around the world;
- Contribute to engaged, urgent **discussions** with filmmakers, campaigners, journalists, politicians and inquisitive audiences, and **make** (or deepen) **connections** with fantastic organisations and individuals working in Scotland towards a fairer world;
- **Meet like-minded people** and be part of a **close-knit, passionate team.**

Take One Action will cover public travel expenses (up to max. £15 per shift). Volunteers attend the screenings and events as part of their shifts; in addition, each volunteer receives 1 complimentary ticket per shift worked which can be used at any festival event.

"When I signed up to volunteer for TOA, I wanted to gain some experience in the film industry. I feel I have done this and more! The films were brilliant as was the enthusiasm of the organisers and volunteers!" *2017 Volunteer*

"I've finished the festival feeling really empowered for the first time in years - being at an intersection of a couple of 'minority' identities, it was great to feel represented in some of the events and have positive stories/activists to look to for encouragement." *2018 Volunteer*



APPLICATION PROCESS

Please complete the online form on our website.

<http://www.takeoneaction.org.uk/give-take/volunteer/>

Application Deadline: **Sunday 28 April**

Training Day: **Saturday 4 May** in Edinburgh. Attendance at the training day is required.

All applicants will be contacted for a short informal phone conversation or online chat between Monday 29 April - Wednesday 1 May.

If you have any questions or would like to receive this information in any other format please contact Kirsty Somerville, Festivals & Networks Development Officer, at Kirsty@takeoneaction.org.uk or on +44(0)131 553 6335