



Volunteer Information Pack



magpie DANCE 
EMPOWERING PEOPLE WITH
LEARNING DISABILITIES

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Overview

Based in Bromley, Magpie Dance is an award-winning inclusive contemporary dance company which has carved out a national reputation for its exciting and inspiring approach to inclusive and creative dance. Founded by Avril Hitman BEM, Magpie Dance is the UK's leading dance charity working with people with learning disabilities.

✧ **What we want:** A world where a learning disability is no barrier to personal and artistic success in dance.

✧ **What we do:** We enable people with learning disabilities to reach their personal, social and artistic potential through dance.

Our volunteers are the heart and soul of our team, and we simply couldn't do what we do without them. Their dedication and enthusiasm shine through in every aspect of our work, from assisting in sessions and supporting our dancers, to helping with behind-the-scenes administration and organising costumes. Whether they're offering a helping hand during rehearsals or ensuring everything runs smoothly on and off stage, our volunteers make a huge difference every day. We are incredibly grateful for the time, energy, and passion they bring to our community.



TEAM PLAYER

The Role

As a volunteer, you could be:

- ✧ Supporting dancers with creative tasks in small groups
- ✧ Encouraging dancers to join in
- ✧ Supporting a dancer on a 1-2-1 basis
- ✧ Performing with the dancers during rehearsals and performances
- ✧ Helping to organise/tailor costumes
- ✧ Attending trips and fundraising events
- ✧ Being a friendly, calm team member and role model for the dancers

All our sessions are led by a Lead Facilitator and Assistant Facilitator and they will let you know what your tasks are and will help you with any questions you have during the sessions. Your role in the sessions will be similar to that of a support worker but with a creative flare!



What, Where, When?

We run 16 sessions a week, in and around Bromley, for a wide range of ages and abilities. The full details for our session can be found here on our website under [Sessions](#).

We are looking for some fantastic new volunteers in the following sessions:

Wednesday

Magpie Adult Community

Where: Holy Innocents' Roman Catholic Church Hall, Strickland Way, Orpington, BR6 9UE

When: Wednesday, weekly

Times: 1:30pm – 3:00pm

Magpie Youth

Where: Bromley Baptist Church, Park Road, Bromley, BR1 3HJ

When: Wednesday, weekly

Times: 4:30pm - 6:30pm

Thursday

Magpie Adult Technique – Ballet

Where: Bromley Baptist Church, Park Road, Bromley, BR1 3HJ

When: Thursday, weekly

Times: 10:00am – 11:00am

Magpie Adult Community

Where: Bromley Baptist Church, Park Road, Bromley, BR1 3HJ

When: Thursday, weekly

Times: 11:00am - 12:30pm



Friday

Magpie Adult Technique - Body Conditioning

When: Fridays, weekly

Times: 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Where: St Marks Church,
Westmoreland Road, Bromley, BR2
OTB

Magpie Adult Technique - Contemporary

When: Fridays, weekly

Times: 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Where: St Marks Church,
Westmoreland Road, Bromley, BR2
OTB

Saturday

Magpie Youth

Where: Dance Studio, Orion Eden
Park High School, Balmoral
Avenue, Beckenham, BR3 3RD

When: Saturdays, weekly

Times: 10:30am - 12:30pm

Magpie Juniors Beckenham

When: Saturdays, weekly

Times: 11:00am - 12:30pm

Where: Table Tennis Studio, Orion
Eden Park High School, Balmoral
Avenue, Beckenham, BR3 3RD

Our sessions run in 10 week terms, with a week off for half term in the middle of each term. We also run Easter and Summer schools for ages 8+ and we love to welcome volunteers in those sessions too.



How to apply

It's so easy to apply to become a volunteer with Magpie Dance:

- ✦ Send over your CV or a short paragraph about yourself to our Operations Coordinator, Karis, at karisbarlow@magpiedance.org.uk.
- ✦ We will then organise a short Zoom or phone call to chat about volunteering and so you can find more out about Magpie Dance.
- ✦ We will invite you to attend one of our sessions, so you can get a feel for it, to see if you would like to join us.

And that's it! It's really that simple! If you decided to join our sessions as a volunteer, we will also undertake an Enhanced DBS check for you, free of charge. If you would like to find out more about Magpie Dance, you can head over to our website: <https://www.magpiedance.org.uk/> or email us at info@magpiedance.org.uk.

So what are you waiting for? Apply to be a volunteer today!

