

CONCUKSTV01-24 - ELDERFLOWER FIELDS FESTIVAL
22/05/2024 – 29/05/2024 - 8 VOLS

Work: FEST/MANU/ART

Vols: 8

Age: 18+

Location: South East England, near Brighton

Requirements: VEF, motivation letter, interview with host.

Extra Fee: £50



PROJECT: Elderflower Fields was born in 2012 out of a desire to create a new festival designed especially for families and kids. The festival sold over a thousand tickets and everyone loved it, the sun was shining, kids played and people danced. The festival was so popular that it happened again in 2013 and then a new bigger venue in 2014. Pippingford Park is set in an Area of Outstanding natural beauty. The host intentionally keeps Elderflower Fields small – this is part of what makes it such a safe and special festival. Designed especially for those with young children as an opportunity for little festival first timers to dip their toes into a magical world of music, fun and nature. Families return year after year for a weekend filled with new experiences, exploration and celebration.

Elderflower Fields is an independent festival, created by So Sussex and put together by a small but hardworking team to create a magical experience for their audience. The rest of the festival is made up of friends, family and amazing volunteers – hopefully including you!

WORK: Being part of our volunteer and stewarding team is an amazing opportunity to carry out some meaningful volunteering whilst also having the opportunity to enjoy all Elderflower Fields has to offer (for no cost!). You will be part of the amazing community which comes together to make the festival happen, many of whom come back year after year and will be on hand to show you the ropes. It is a hugely rewarding experience in which you will have an amazing time and make great friends.

Volunteers will be part of the field team – the eyes and ears of the festival. Volunteering in pairs, you will look after a specific area of the event and act as a contact point for the guests. Therefore, it is important that you have a good level of listening and speaking English! You may be answering questions, offering directions and helping people find their way around the site. After initial training and learning you will be able to identify if anything needs rectifying. You will be in contact with Event Control, reporting any incidents and feeding information to the public.

This is a fantastic volunteering opportunity for anyone interested in getting into event management with real on-the-ground responsibility at a large arts event. As you will

arrive a few days before the festival begins there will be several tasks to get the site 'festival ready' and after the festival there will be jobs to revert the site back to its Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD :Volunteers will be camping at the site, in the 'crew paddock' area which is used by all festival crew. **PLEASE BE AWARE THAT IT CAN BE VERY COLD IN THE EVENINGS/NIGHT IN THE UK IN MAY, PLEASE PACK ACCORDINGLY AND BRING LOTS OF WARM CLOTHES AND LAYERS.**

Elderflower fields will provide the tents for volunteers, volunteers will have access to hot showers/hot water for the duration of the volunteering project. The Crew HQ is a sheltered area where volunteers are able to charge devices, rest and relax when not volunteering. There is a microwave and hot water urn at the Crew HQ, volunteers can bring any snacks/additional food they wish to consume during the festival – please be aware there is no oven and minimal fridge space, so nonperishable foods are advisable if you wish to bring anything additional.

Volunteers will be provided with three meals a day. Cereal, Tea and Coffee will be provided at the Crew HQ for breakfast. Volunteers will receive a £10 'voucher' for both Lunch and Dinner which can be utilised at any of the available food vendors. ***Please take note that £10 is enough to get you a substantial meal, however there are some items which will cost more than £10, if you wish to pay the difference you can.*** On days where there is no festival, volunteers will be provided with a lunchtime sandwich and evening meal.

Please check the [weather](#) forecast here and pack accordingly.

LOCATION AND LEISURE Elderflower Fields is set in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty – before the festival is running there will be lots of opportunities to explore and walk around the natural environment. During the festival you will have free time to enjoy and explore all the festival has to offer including music, food, activities and workshop, it really is amazing! You can look at last year's festival [here](#).

NEAREST AIRPORT: Gatwick airport. Nearest train station: East Grinstead train station – then a final journey will take you to the site either from Concordia UK or a taxi. Mee

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS AND HOW TO APPLY: Please fill in the VEF and then you will have a chat with the host.

ACCESSIBILITY: Volunteers need to be able to work outdoors in various types of weather, walking on uneven ground is required.

EXTRA FEE: £50 (GBP)

ADDITIONAL REMARKS