

Volunteer with us!

Fenton Town Hall Ballroom, Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 3AF
August 2025



+THREE COUNTIES
OPEN ART
EXHIBITION

Visitors 2024.
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Be Part of Something Creative and Inspiring

The **Three Counties Open Art Exhibition** is back this August, showcasing an exciting mix of 2D and 3D artworks, contemporary practices, installations, and live art from artists across Staffordshire, Cheshire, and Shropshire.

We're looking for enthusiastic **volunteers** to help us deliver a vibrant, welcoming, and memorable exhibition experience for our visitors. Whether you're looking to gain experience, meet new people, or just love being around art—this is for you!



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Cyanotype workshop 2024.
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Why Volunteer?

By joining our volunteer team, you'll:

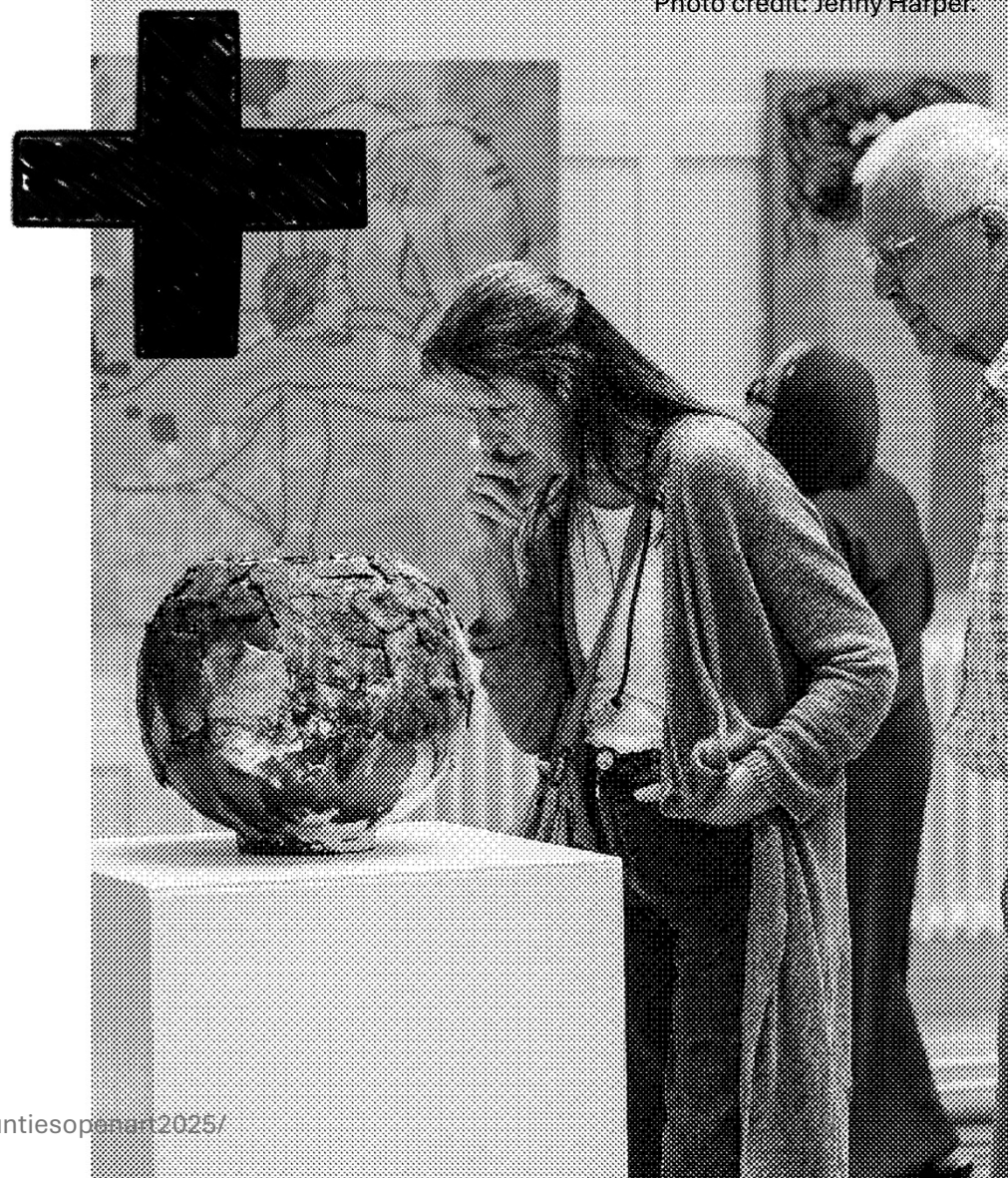
- Gain hands-on experience in a creative, public-facing role
- Learn new skills and build your arts and culture CV
- Meet artists, curators, and fellow art lovers
- Be part of a friendly, supportive team
- Enjoy free refreshments (and lunch if you're with us for 4+ hours!)
- Receive travel and access cost reimbursements
- Get a reference for future opportunities
- Have fun and experience some truly amazing artwork

"This experience has not just helped me learn but solidified that this is now something I'd like to do as a career." – Volunteer



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Volunteer Roles Available:



1. Exhibition Host & Invigilator

9–30 August 2025 (Tues–Sat, 11am–3pm)

Fenton Town Hall Ballroom

Flexible commitment – ideally one 4-hour session per week, but we're happy to work around your schedule (e.g., shorter shifts or a block of days).

What you'll do:

- Welcome visitors and help them navigate the exhibition
- Keep an eye on the artworks
- Gather feedback and chat with guests
- Be a friendly face and help create a great atmosphere



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Volunteer Roles Available:



2. Install & De-rig Team Member

Install: 5–7 August | De-rig: 1–2 September (10am–5pm)

Commitment: Ideally one full day or more

What you'll do:

- ☐ Help paint display boards and prepare the space
- ☐ Assist with hanging and arranging artworks
- ☐ Support signage and layout tasks
- ☐ Get a behind-the-scenes look at how exhibitions come together

“I was allowed to be so involved and all my ideas and suggestions were taken into consideration.” – Volunteer



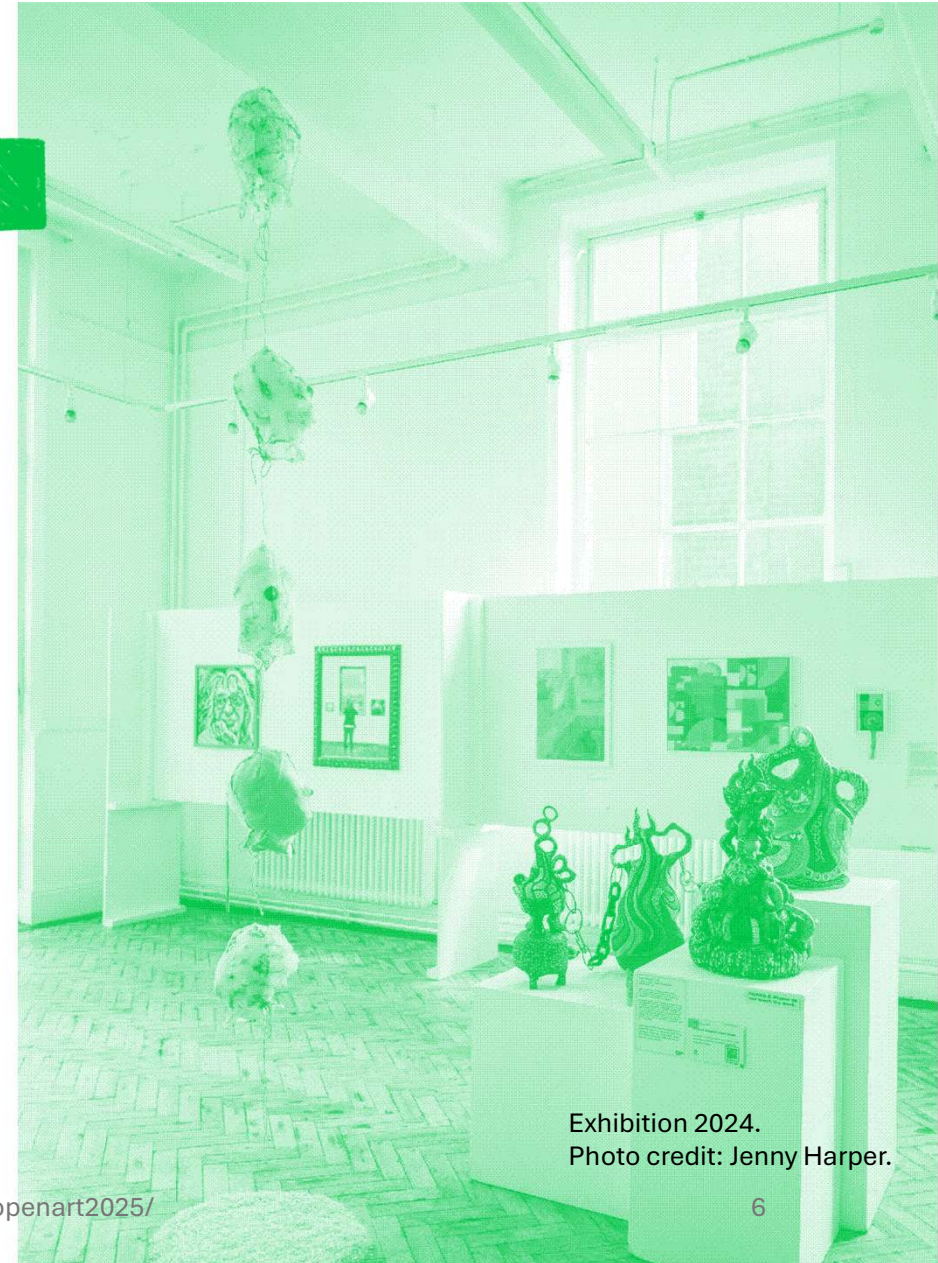


About the exhibition:

- ❑ Running since **1996**, the Three Counties Open Art celebrates creativity across the region.
- ❑ Work from artists with a connection to Staffordshire, Cheshire and Shropshire.
- ❑ In 2024, we received **268 submissions**
- ❑ **97 artists selected to show** in 2024 —48% of whom were first-time applicants.
- ❑ The exhibition welcomed over **1,300 visitors** last year!
- ❑ Usually at Burslem School of Art but this year at **Fenton Town Hall Ballroom**.
- ❑ We hold a range of **workshops and activities** during the exhibition for visitors, in 2024 these included sessions featuring lino print, cyanotype, charcoal drawing, collage and clay.

“Extremely open-hearted and welcoming volunteers” – Visitor feedback

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Interested? Let's Chat!



We'd love to hear from you. Whether you're available for a few hours or a few days, we'll do our best to accommodate your availability.

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