

out of the blue

Arts & Education Trust

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TINKER TAILOR

Get things fixed and
learn to be a fixer!

Tinker Tailor – Skilled Craftspeople Required



The Out of the Blue Drill Hall in Leith is looking for skilled craftspeople to work as part of Tinker Tailor, a mending service with a twist. The twist is that people don't just drop off their broken watch, necklace or bike – they stay and learn how to fix it with you.

We are looking for people who know how to fix all sorts of household items **and** know how to share their knowledge – the tinkerers of this world who love to breathe new life into things and hate to see things going to waste! You will be part of a pool of expert menders who work on a rotation basis each Saturday.

We are looking for people who have mending skills in the following areas

- Small furniture
- Jewellery
- Electrical items – radios, kettles, irons
- Bikes
- Clothes
- Watches
- Toys
- Umbrellas
- Leather – bags, belts

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This is not an exhaustive list, so if you have a really useful skill that isn't listed here please get in touch.

As well as helping people learn to fix things you will manage a small team of volunteer craftspeople; helping them gain confidence in sharing their skills.

Our aim is that Tinker Tailor will build peoples' confidence and skills in mending things and bring back the belief in making things last and not always rushing out to buy a new version when something breaks.

Skills Required and Person Description

Skills required	Person description
Expertise within your craft area	Strong commitment to the idea of reusing things and consuming less
Excellent communication skills	Genuine enthusiasm and passion for your craft
Ability to share your knowledge and expertise (i.e. strong teaching skills)	Patient i.e. to be happy watching someone take 15 mins over something that would take you 2!
Good with people of all ages, including children	Creative, kind, reliable, organised, proactive
Ability to manage a small team of volunteers	Happy to work as part of a flexible, fluid team

Job Details

- Tinker Tailor runs each Saturday from 10am–2pm (you will not be required to work each weekend)
- Salary - £15 per hour, payable monthly on receipt of invoice
- You will be required to provide the tools necessary to your craft

Application Process

1. Please send a CV, a couple of photos of your work and maximum two pages of A4 which explaining what your craft area is and why you would be right for this role.
2. Please use your two sides of A4 to address the points listed in the 'skills required' and 'person description' above.
3. Please also give two referees, one of whom should be a professional referee from a recent role – this could be either a voluntary or paid role.

Applications in writing to rosie@outoftheblue.org.uk

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Application Deadline

Deadline for first round of applications is 5pm on **Tuesday 31st August**.
Successful applicants will be invited to an informal interview.

We will continue to recruit in the Autumn as we hope to widen the pool to include more wonderful people as time goes on!

Volunteer Positions

We are also looking for volunteers to work as part of the Tinker Tailor team so if you would like to be part of the project as a volunteer please get in touch.

Further Information

Please contact Rosie Lewis on rosie@outoftheblue.org.uk or 0131 555 7131 if you'd like to have an informal chat about the role.

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