

Changing Sudbury

Oral History Volunteer Role Description

Sudbury Neighbourhood Centre is looking for Oral History Volunteers to support the *Changing Sudbury* project.

The project

Changing Sudbury is a community project aiming to record the social and cultural history of Sudbury Town, Wembley, since the 1950s through to the present day, using a mixture of oral history interviews, an exhibition, booklet, website and a short film. The project will interview older adults and record their memories of the area, collect and display an archive of related material, and disseminate learning experiences for local school aged children and young adults on how their community has developed in the last 60 years. *Changing Sudbury* is a 1-year project, delivered by Sudbury Neighbourhood Centre and supported by The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

The role

You will learn how to conduct oral history interviews with people who have a connection with Sudbury. You will be involved in recording their stories and creating a new oral history archive which will capture the unwritten history of Sudbury. The Oral History collection will be deposited at Brent Archives and will provide the core contents for the exhibition, educational pack, website etc.

Who we are

Sudbury Neighbourhood Centre is a friendly community-based charity running an adult day centre for older residents living in the Brent, Ealing and Harrow areas. Our main area of work is day-care, which we have been providing since we were established in 1979, and this is the main focus of what we do at the Centre. As part of this work, we also offer a wide range of activities and events suited to our day care users, and the general public, for older adults.

Where

The area of focus is Sudbury, Middlesex. We will aim for you to attend training, conduct oral histories interviews and do transcription at Sudbury Neighbourhood Centre. Interviews may occasionally take place elsewhere, at a venue agreed between you, the Project Manager and the interviewee.

Time commitment

Time commitment is very flexible. We will start training volunteers end of May 2019 (please see details below), and then meet regularly over the course of the project. We would expect the time to be approximately about 4 working days per interview, including preparation and transcription.



What to expect

- Developing interviewing and research skills
- Learning about local history and heritage
- Meeting new people and work with a small and friendly team
- Creating a unique archive of recording
- Helping shape the exhibition, booklet, website and other various resources' contents
- **Training in Oral History from the Oral History Society on Wednesday 29th May, 10.00-16.45, at Sudbury Neighbourhood Centre**
- Training in curating exhibitions and in archiving materials from Brent Museum and Archives
- Ongoing support after the initial trainings (provided by the Project Manager)
- Travel expenses will be refunded, with authorisation from the Project Manager

What we are looking for in volunteers

- A willingness to learn new skills and attend training and mentoring sessions
- Be a good listener
- Interested in local history, heritage and personal stories
- Complete at least two interviews
- Can undertake basic computer-based work e.g. able to use MS Word or similar

How to apply

To express an interest in volunteering please get in touch with Matilde Martinetti, Changing Sudbury Project Manager (see contact details below). We are looking to start the first oral history interviews in May and will continue throughout 2019.

Volunteer applications will be considered on an ongoing basis.

Regular 'Changing Sudbury Open Day' meetings will be held on the following dates: Friday 14th June / Friday 13th September / Friday 13th December, from 2pm to 3.30pm, at Sudbury Neighbourhood Centre, 809 Harrow Rd, Wembley HA0 2LP. Tea and cakes will be provided. Everyone welcome.

Contact details

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Thank You!

