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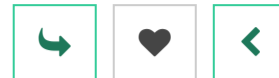
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Community arts worker

Also called: Community artist

Community arts workers use art, drama, music, and dance to bring communities together to tackle social issues, improve their quality of life, and create intergenerational friendships.



What you'll do

You'll work to improve the quality of life in communities where there may be social or cultural issues.

You'll be involved in practical creative work, or be responsible for recruiting and managing others.

Your day-to-day duties may include:

- working with local community groups to identify needs and concerns
- developing new groups and activities
- creating artwork and helping community members develop their own ideas
- promoting and organising input from other arts workers
- leading meetings and training activities
- advising on grants, sponsorship and other sources of funding
- writing funding bids and proposals, managing budgets and general administration
- publicising activities through the press, local radio, leaflets and social media
- managing and assessing projects

You'll often work with organisations like health, housing, youth and education services.

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Working hours and environment

Your working hours will depend on the needs of the community and the projects you're involved in. Weekend and evening work is common, and longer hours are often needed as you get close to a deadline or a performance.

You'll be based in places like community centres, libraries, youth centres, schools, prisons, or care homes. You may also be involved in outside events like festivals, carnivals, and street theatre.

You'll be meeting lots of new people and having lots of face-to-face conversations. Some work, like dance or theatre, may involve being in close contact or touching other people.

You may also need to travel between sites.

Career path and progression

With experience, you could work freelance and run larger projects with bigger budgets.

In larger organisations, you could progress to a more senior or management role.

Skills required

You'll need:

- strong communication skills, as you'll be working in groups with lots of different people
- creativity and artistic skills, as you'll be coming up with creative projects involving art, dance, music, or drama
- the ability to organise your time and work to deadlines, like performance dates
- confidence, as you'll be leading workshops or activities
- a caring nature, to make communities feel supported and build up their confidence

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Entry requirements

There are no set requirements for a role in community arts, but you'll usually need either:

- a high school or college/university qualification in community arts, and/or an art form like music, visual arts, dance, drama, music, or creative writing
- work experience in teaching, event or project management, and/or an art form like music, visual arts, dance, drama, music, or creative writing

You'll also need to pass a criminal records background check.

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 **Jobs**

Welfare and housing associate professionals

247,174

📍 **2,406** in your local area of Liverpool

Top 5 local areas

1	Kent	5,976
2	Lancashire	5,815
3	Essex	5,263
4	Hampshire	4,846
5	Birmingham	4,751

 **Salaries**

Youth and community workers

£29,013

Welfare and housing associate professionals

£28,370

📍 **£27,738** in your region of North West

Top 3 regions

1	London	£30,469
2	Scotland	£29,584
3	North East	£29,218

 **Growth**

2020-2035

Health and social care associate professionals

+87.5% ↑ 597,005 jobs

📍 **+95.2%** in your region of North West, an increase of 74,371 jobs

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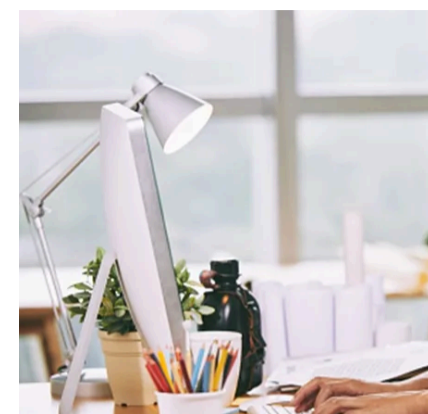


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