



We are looking for volunteers who will contribute to the success of *The Festival on The Close* in 2019.

The Festival on The Close is a public arts festival built around a programme of educational enrichment workshops during the final week of the summer term at Rugby School. These include workshops for local children from a range of primary schools around Rugby and surrounding areas from learning to dance flamenco to live sports commentary; from creative writing to sculpture; from fashion to stage combat.

Participants will have unique, once in a lifetime experiences - playing alongside professional musicians, beatboxing, solving crimes, dancing with Motionhouse, stomping with Stomp – that will make this festival one of the most ambitious and exciting educational arts festivals in the country.

And this year we have **Stomp; Showstoppers the Improvised Musical**, currently SOLD OUT in the West End; **Hometown Glory; National Youth Jazz Orchestra**; headline comedy act, **Jason Manford**.

There's lots more still to come ensuring your volunteering experience will be filled with fun and excitement.

Match Funding is a great way for you to be involved and for your company to contribute funds to *The Festival on the Close*.

Match Funding is when an organisation (normally a company) matches the amount of fundraising an employee does for another organisation (normally a charity). The fundraising of the individual, or a group of individuals is **matched** from the company's own resource up to a pre-determined level. Schemes have been established to encourage members of staff to get involved in the voluntary sector and to help fundraise through personal participation in events or give their time freely to support the work of charities throughout the UK.

If you work for an organisation that has a match funding scheme there are a number of ways in which you can become involved:

- any money you donate through sponsored events or personal fundraising could be matched by your employer
- if you work at an event during the Festival, payment for your volunteer contribution may be made to the event by your employer in the form of a gift.

There are a number of high street banks, building societies, supermarkets and large corporations that engage in match funding schemes, but these are not exclusive to the major corporate giants. If you work for an independent company, they may be interested in charitable giving through match funding too.

If you would like to get involved and your employer has a match funding scheme please do get in touch; it would be great to hear from you.

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