

# Games Club Volunteer

## Main purpose

To support and plan a Games Club for adults with focus on developing social, creativity and problem-solving skills.

## What would I be doing?

Plan, promote and run fortnightly or monthly sessions for a tabletop Role Playing Games club for adults, playing miniatures Wargames, Dungeons & Dragons, etc.

The sessions could involve:

Use the games to encourage players imagination & creativity, discuss character interaction in tabletop form, agree gamemasters, player and non-player characters and through a narrative experience, encourage role playing and interactive and collaborative storytelling.

Encourage reading sci-fi/fantasy fiction and designing game scenarios themed around it - novels, graphic novels and more available via the Bristol Library catalogue.

Your responsibilities will include:

- Planning and facilitating regular sessions, setting up and cleaning up the space, materials and activities
- Ensuring that a safe, positive, and caring environment is maintained at all times – perhaps develop “club rules”
- Ensuring suitable resources are available (supply own gaming materials and/or advise Library to obtain necessary books)
- Participating in the promotion of the club
- Encouraging creative thinking and novel approaches to problem-solving
- Encouraging members to read books themed around the session

## When can I do my volunteering?

These sessions can be run fortnightly or monthly on an agreed day and time and will usually be 2-3 hours long.

You will need to be there 15 minutes before to welcome the participants and to prepare the space and 15min after, to clear the materials away and say goodbye to the participants.



This role also could require some preparation time prior to each session (e.g. designing/writing short scenarios/narrative in order to ensure all members of the club get to play).

### **Where will I be volunteering?**

At the library that is agreed.

### **Who will be there with me?**

Library assistants and potentially other volunteers.

### **Support and review**

Regular support and guidance will be given by a named library contact. There will be a 4-week trial period to ensure that all is going well - another volunteer opportunity may be suggested if the trial period has shown that this would be better for both parties.

### **Training, resources and information**

A full induction will be given, and further training offered where appropriate.

We also require volunteers to complete the online Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults training on Bristol City Council's Hub on Open Learn Create platform.

Resources: Libraries West can offer a wide range of fantasy books and comics. All the gaming materials will be provided by the volunteers and players. The club is open to donations from the public.

### **Am I right for this opportunity?**

This opportunity would suit someone who:

- Is creative and has a passion for engaging people
- Has some experience of playing/refereeing tabletop role-playing games (RPG)
- Is organised and can commit for at least a term (6 or 12 sessions)
- Is passionate about reading and libraries

### **What will I get from volunteering?**

Some of the benefits are:

- Have fun spreading your passion for role-playing games (RPG)
- Gain leadership, project managing and activity facilitating experience: planning, delivering, managing and promoting a club



- Gain experience of working with people in a structured club environment; sharing with and learning from others - useful for those considering a teaching/instructor career
- Opportunity to increase self confidence
- Socialising with other volunteers and staff
- Gaining experience for CVs and job applications

