



Dear Volunteer,

**CREW APPLICATIONS FOR THE BIG TENT –
FRIDAY 23rd to SUNDAY 25th JULY ARE NOW OPEN**

We are now inviting applications to be part of the voluntary crew at this year's event. The Festival will celebrate its fifth birthday this year and we would like you there to join in the festivities with us. Big Tent 2009 proved to be a huge success with approximately 10,000 visitors attending over the two days for a extensive programme of dance, debate, performance, workshops and much more.

2009 saw amazing press for the event, with The Scotsman making the event top on the green credentials list, and the festival winning a Greener Festival Award in the outstanding category. We are sure that 2010 will prove to be an exciting and interesting year and **we want you to be part of making 2010 even better than 2009.**

The Big Tent is a celebration of best practice in environmental action and cultural creativity. The festival promises a fantastic atmosphere, the most beautiful setting, a wide range of activities, and some of the very best music around.

Volunteering at the festival is a great way to meet new people, learn new skills, and experience the festival in a whole new way. We have a variety of jobs and opportunities for volunteers throughout the build up and the break down of the event and on the days of the Festival itself. To find out more, please see our **Crew Information** sheet and fill in our **Voluntary Crew Application Form**.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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CREW INFORMATION

FAQ's



What kind of work will be involved?

There is a variety of jobs and work that go into a festival.

Volunteers can take part in such activities as:

- General Stewarding
- Working on the Ticket Desks
- Working at the Information Desk
- Working a part of the production crew
- Car parking
- Campsite co-ordination
- Bar and food work
- Working at the Festivals HQ

When is the Festival?

Date	Time
Friday 23 rd July	18.00hrs-23.00hrs
Saturday 24 th July	10.30hrs-23.00hrs
Sunday 25 th July	10.30hrs-21.00hrs

How many hours do volunteers work?

All shifts are up to 6 hours long. Volunteering for build up and take down will run prior to the event to Friday 30th July. Festival shifts will start from Friday 23rd and end on Monday 26th July.

When do I have to be there and when am I needed until?

The Festival opens at 6pm on Friday 23rd of July. All volunteers must be on site by **Friday 23rd at 10.00hrs** for the crew briefing. Prior to the event there will be several initial meetings for our Volunteer Management Team to get to know the volunteers and vice versa. We will inform crew of the dates and times closer to the event.

What about meals?

Depending on your shifts, we will provide meals.

Will I be paid

Crewing positions are voluntary. However, we may be able to help with reasonable travel expenses.

What do I need to bring?

There is a crew camping area. You will need to provide all your own equipment. The site is limited, so you will be required to book your space. We also recommend coming equipped for all weathers, bring waterproofs, Wellington boots, comfortable shoes, a hat and sun lotion. This is an outdoor Scottish event – we cannot predict the weather. We also recommend bringing a torch with you.

Can I work with my friend/boyfriend/girlfriend?

If you have a friend who wishes to come and crew, they need to apply in their own right. If you state that you are with them we will do our best to rota you on together, but we cannot guarantee this at all times.

What if I want to see a particular debate/musician/demonstration?

Once the programme has been published, if there is something you have a particular interest in, we will endeavour to work your shift around it or arrange a break for you. We value our volunteer's hard work and want you to get the most out of the event that you can.

How do I get to The Big Tent?

The Big Tent is located on Falkland Estate, by Falkland village in Fife, North of Glenrothes. It's only a few miles from Markinch train station with a regular service from Edinburgh and Dundee. From Markinch, there are regular buses into Glenrothes Town Centre (5mins away). From Glenrothes, there are buses to Falkland every hour. Please visit the following websites to find out more:

www.scotrail.co.uk

www.stagecoachbus.com

Once you have reached the village, it is a ten minute walk from the High Street to Falkland Estate.

To apply you need to be:

- Over 18 at the time of the festival
- Be available to arrive at the Festival site by 10.00hrs at the latest on Friday 23rd July 2010
- Be available for one briefing (which you will be noted of before the event)
- Be able to make a commitment to work between 15.00 on Friday 23rd to 23.30 on Sunday 25th of July (or before and after)
- Be prepared to wear a uniform (high visibility vest) when on shift (provided when on site)
- Report regularly to your volunteer supervisor.
- Be available for a phone interview prior to the event

We will confirm with all successful applicants prior to the event

Please now take the time to read and fill in our **Voluntary Crew Application Form**.

Any questions, please direct them info@centreforstewardship.org.uk