



Preloved Studio - Assistant Volunteer

Purpose of the Role:

To support sewing-based volunteer sessions at the Preloved Studio, assisting community members to learn, repair, and repurpose textiles. The role helps promote Sustainable Merton's ethos of reducing textile waste while fostering a safe, inclusive, and creative environment.

Main Responsibilities:

- Assist the Volunteer Lead in sewing sessions and workshops.
- Help participants with basic sewing techniques, alterations, and fabric handling.
- Support safe use of sewing machines, overlockers, and industrial irons.
- Welcome new drop-in users and introduce them to the studio.
- Help set up and shut down equipment safely.
- Monitor participant safety and equipment use during sessions.
- Uphold safeguarding and health & safety policies.

Skills you need and what we are looking for:

- Basic knowledge of sewing machines/overlockers and simple troubleshooting.
- Understanding of sewing techniques and fabric handling.
- Willingness to learn through shadowing and practice.
- Friendly, welcoming, and able to work with people of different skill levels.
- Good communication and supervision skills.
- Awareness of safeguarding and health & safety requirements.

Commitment:

- One two-hour session per month, with a commitment of at least six months.
- Weekday sessions run every Tuesday between 10am - 3.30pm (allow 15 minutes either side for setting up and down)

Role Supervisor & Support Provided:

- Direct support from the Volunteer Lead and Natalie Ifill (prelovedstudio@sustainablemerton.org)
- Ongoing guidance on safeguarding and health & safety.
- Opportunities to develop sewing and facilitation skills.

Location:

- [Google Map for Canon's House](#)

Benefits:

- Learn and develop sewing and maintenance skills.
- Make a meaningful contribution to a greener, fairer Merton.
- Strengthen local connections and community resilience.
- Join a vibrant volunteer community and celebrate at Volunteer events.