

## **The Preloved Studio - Lead Volunteer**



### **Purpose of the Role:**

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

### **Main Responsibilities:**

- Lead sewing sessions and workshops. Teach and supervise safe use of sewing machines, overlockers, and iron.
- Support volunteers and participants with sewing techniques, alterations, and repairs.
- Welcome new drop-in users and introduce them to the studio.
- Manage donations, accepting only suitable items.
- Keep the studio tidy, safe, and properly shut down.
- Uphold safeguarding and health & safety policies.

### **Skills you need and what we are looking for:**

- Strong knowledge of sewing machines/overlockers, including troubleshooting and simple maintenance.
- Skilled in teaching sewing techniques and garment alterations.
- Understanding of fabrics and garment construction.
- Ability to explain technical terms clearly.
- Friendly, welcoming, and confident working with varied skill levels.
- Good communication and supervision skills.
- Awareness of safeguarding and willingness to support Volunteer Assistants.

### **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 Natalie Ifill ([prelovedstudio@sustainablemerton.org](mailto:prelovedstudio@sustainablemerton.org))
- Ongoing guidance on safeguarding and health & safety.
- Regular check-ins to support your volunteer journey and skills development.

### **Location:**

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

### **Benefits:**

- Share your sewing skills and grow collective knowledge. 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.