



## **Sampad at Birmingham Weekender 2017 Volunteer Brief**

### **About Sampad | [www.sampad.org.uk](http://www.sampad.org.uk)**

Sampad is a dynamic development agency for South Asian Arts based in Birmingham. It plays a significant role regionally, nationally and beyond in promoting the appreciation and practice of diverse artforms originating from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. Through its work Sampad serves, supports and initiates South Asian arts in all its forms working with youth, community, education and professional artists.

### **About Birmingham Weekender | [www.birminghamweekender.com](http://www.birminghamweekender.com)**

Supported by the Retail BID, Birmingham City Council and Arts Council England, Birmingham Weekender is the region's biggest and best family-friendly arts festival. It celebrates all things Birmingham – its diversity, its communities and its artists; welcomes international performers from around the world to our city and this year plays a role within Utsav, Birmingham's Year of South Asian Culture.

Sampad is delighted to be playing a big part in Birmingham Weekender this year and we are offering *you* the opportunity to get involved.

You can see more details about our involvement here:

<http://sampad.org.uk/event/rangeeli-colours-of-birmingham-parade-at-birmingham-weekender-2017/>

### **The Role**

Sampad is looking to recruit at least 20 volunteers who can help us with the Parade. We would expect volunteers to attend all training to fully understand their role, tasks required and health & safety issues. Below are the two different areas you could be involved in:

<b>Rangeeli Colours of Birmingham Parade</b>	Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept 2017 Parade starts at 11am but <b>we would need you to be there at: 9am (time subject to change)</b>		The colours of Birmingham come to life in this spectacular city-wide parade, featuring a vibrant array of hand-held puppets, flags, masks, costumes and an amazing, life-size mechanical elephant called Harminder, along with Dhol and Brazilian beats, exhilarating South Asian, African and contemporary dance and a kaleidoscope of <i>Patang</i> kites! The parade will be split into different continents and this will be a challenging role to get performers to the right place at the right time and then walking through town to Victoria Square.
<b>Square Dance</b>	Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept 2017 The Square Dance starts at 12 noon <b>but we would need you to be there at: 10am (time subject to change)</b>		The Rangeeli Colours of Birmingham parade culminates at Square Dance on Victoria Square with a crescendo of sound including Dhol and Brazilian beats, exhilarating dance styles in the form of kathakali, Bollywood, bhangra, bharatanatyam and African and contemporary moves. This is a mainly backstage role getting people and equipment ready for the performance

## Commitment & Training sessions

If you are interested in volunteering with **Sampad** we would love to meet you informally on: Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2017 between 6-7pm in the bar area at mac Birmingham

You will then need to attend the two **Birmingham Weekender** training sessions too:

### TRAINING SESSION 1 - CUSTOMER SERVICE AND SAFETY

Tuesday 5th September (EVENING) or Saturday 16th September (MORNING) and

### TRAINING SESSION 2 - OVERALL PROGRAMME

Saturday 9th September (MORNING) or Tuesday 12th September (EVENING)

There is also a drop in/meet and greet with Birmingham Weekender staff on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2017, 5-7pm at the Community Hub in John Lewis for all Birmingham Weekender volunteers, which you are welcome to attend if you would like.

***The Sampad volunteer team will then meet together after the training on the evening of 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017 to go through Parade specific details.***

## Benefits

By volunteering in this role participants will gain the following benefits

- Experience in event management
- Opportunity to meet new people and make new friends
- Opportunity to learn something new about the cultures of Birmingham
- A reference on request upon successful completion of work

## Can I apply?

We are keen to hear from anyone over the age of 18 who is interested in being involved. Below is a checklist to help you decide if you are right for the role;

- I am at least 18 years old
- I am available for the programmed dates
- I am physically capable of the physical demands of the role
- I am able to be respectful and sensitive to those of different cultures
- I have good organisational skills
- I am a committed and punctual person
- I am independent and am happy to travel to and work around Birmingham City Centre

## How to apply

Please email a CV and a cover letter explaining why you would like to volunteer with us, and why you think you would be a good candidate to [helen@sampad.org.uk](mailto:helen@sampad.org.uk) by 21st AUG 2017

**You will also need to apply to be a Birmingham Weekender Volunteer here:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScIBFXc0kzJ3KTWAtWATwmqT9bvGsTSC69\\_dBckCbUPoZiUCA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScIBFXc0kzJ3KTWAtWATwmqT9bvGsTSC69_dBckCbUPoZiUCA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

For the question: "Is there anything specific you would like to be involved in, in the run up to, or during the event weekend?" **Please answer 'SAMPAD Rangeeli Parade' OR 'SAMPAD Square Dance' (or you could get allocated anywhere... and we want you with us....!!)**

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**Sign up now to be part of the festivities!**

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