



Work shadowing opportunity with the British Association of Art Therapists (BAAT)

About us

We are the professional membership organisation for art therapists in the UK. We work to promote art therapy and provide professional support and advice to our members.

We represent art therapy to commissioners, policymakers and opinion-formers and work to ensure that the wider public understands what art therapy is and how it can help transform lives.

Our members are all qualified art therapists, post-graduates training to be art therapists, overseas art therapists, or those who have a general interest in the profession.

You can find out more about us on our [our website](#).

About the opportunity

Each year we hold an [annual conference](#). This year the conference will be held in person (and online) at the [Wellcome Collection](#) on Saturday 8 November 2025.

As part of our commitment to being a disability confident employer, this work shadowing opportunity is open to disabled people who have faced barriers to work experience and employment due to disability.

This event is a great opportunity for the right person to get experience in organising, managing and delivering an event by shadowing our staff team.

This is an unpaid work shadowing opportunity and will amount to approximately 2 days, including the day of the conference. Reasonable travel expenses to attend the conference and lunch will be provided.

What you would do in the role

You will spend two half days with our staff team (in the office or online) ahead of the conference to learn about organising an event, with a guide and checklist that includes timelines and key tips.

On the day of the conference, you will spend time meeting conference delegates, presenters, venue staff and the wider BAAT team. You will also spend time with the Events Officer setting up and taking down the event, welcoming and checking in delegates, shadowing the Senior Communications

Officer, and observing audio visual set up and presentations.

Following the conference there will be an opportunity to review the day with the Events Officer in an online call, share feedback and ask questions.

There will also be opportunities to discuss the processes involved and to ask questions about working in event planning and management and to take notes. The Events Officer will also share their own route into event planning and their role at BAAT.

We will seek to make any reasonable adjustments required to suit individual needs, for example around travel times, accessibility support at the conference venue or adjustments to the format of written materials shared during shadowing.

Who can apply?

As part of our commitment to being a disability confident employer, this opportunity is open to disabled people who have faced barriers to work experience and employment due to disability.

You may not explicitly identify yourself as 'disabled' but may be eligible for this work shadowing. You can find the [government's definition of disability](#) for guidance.

This opportunity might be suitable if you are currently out of work, studying or recently graduated, or someone looking to change career and gain a greater understanding of a role in events.

If you are not sure whether you are suitable for the role, you can contact us at events@baat.org or leave a voicemail on +44 (0) 20 7686 4216.

If you require any support or reasonable adjustments in making an application, please email us at hello@baat.org. An example of a reasonable adjustment may be submitting a video application as an alternative to the form below.

As an organisation, we understand the concept of disability by the social model of disability, which recognises that people are disabled by barriers in society, not by an impairment or difference.

How to apply

Please complete the online application form by 21 September 2025.

 [Go to application form](#)



What happens after you apply

We aim to tell all applicants if they are being considered for the opportunity by 28 September 2025.

If you are shortlisted, you will be invited to an informal call which will take place the week beginning 29 September 2025.