



## Volunteering opportunities with the Northcott's Heritage Project

We are looking for enthusiastic and inquisitive volunteers interested in local history and theatre to participate in an Oral History programme this summer.

As the theatre's National Lottery Heritage Funded project progresses into its second year, we have developed a body of illuminating and evocative archival research, a supportive team of heritage experts, a programme of live events and workshops, and a growing resource of digitised material.

We have begun to identify many fascinating people who have been connected to the theatre's history. These include previous actors, directors and writers as well as previous members of the technical team, administrators, wardrobe team, and community engagement leaders. It is essential that we take the opportunity to document these voices and perspectives at this important point in the theatre's story, where change is on the horizon.

A team of passionate volunteers will receive training and support to develop oral history skills, specifically around interviewing and transcribing.

This team will then carry out interviews with several key people from the theatre's history, to help us tell the story of live performance and creativity in Exeter and Devon over the past 50 years.

### Volunteers will receive:

- Training from the Oral History Society to gain skills in the planning, recording and transcription of high quality oral histories
- The resources, equipment and support required to record and transcribe at least one oral history interview, which will be added to the Northcott Theatre Archive
- Previews and priority tickets for all Exeter Northcott Heritage events running from now until the end of June 2022
- Regular opportunities to meet, socialise, and share findings with like-minded volunteers and members of the Northcott's Heritage team
- The opportunity to help contribute to our work reimagining how the theatre works with our communities
- Any expenses and travel costs incurred as part of your participation with the project will be remunerated
- An invitation to special volunteer celebration events

### Volunteers will need to:

- Be friendly, approachable and interested in history and the arts
- Be prepared to make a commitment to the project, including half a day to participate in training and at least 10 hours (spread over several days/weeks) to carry out at least one interview and the transcription of this recording

- Be prepared to carry out 1-to-1 interviews with local people connected to the theatre
- Have some digital literacy and skill, to enable the operation of a digital recorder and transcription software – although training and ongoing support will be provided

The Oral History programme is part of a much wider project exploring the theatre's history and archives – more information can be found here -

<https://www.exeternorthcott.co.uk/about-us/our-history-heritage/>

Please get in touch with Heritage Manager Sophie McCormack at [heritage@exeternorthcott.co.uk](mailto:heritage@exeternorthcott.co.uk) with some information about why you're interested in getting involved. You can also call for an informal chat on 01392 722411