

2022 GREEN GATHERING STEWARD CREW

We are so excited to be back to welcome both new and old faces to this year's stewarding family. It's been a while now since we've met together on our beautiful festival site and everyone is more than ready to celebrate and make it the best yet! We have our own lovely crew village, where we camp, eat, join around the fire, make friends and create a beautiful space to rest and be together away from the festival site, so that you get to fill your cup ready to enjoy the fun all over again. We aim to co-create a fun, welcoming and supportive experience as well as a safe and professional working environment.

Here are some details so you have an idea what you're applying for. I have been holding the steward mumma role at GG now for 8 years, and so safe to say, I hope that you are in good hands. We have a great core team of supervisors and experienced crew to help you learn the ropes, and a variety of roles to fill within the stewarding family.

Our role begins as soon as the guests arrive onsite, be it by festival bus from the car park, in their camper van, bus or tank (i'm joking, we do often have a fire engine) or by bike and on foot. We look after them, welcome them with a smile, make sure they have access to a wheelbarrow and extra hands if they need it, making sure they are parked in an allocated space, and safely arrive onsite so that they can enjoy their full experience from start to end.

Once everyone is in, our role becomes everything from connecting with the campsite crew, making sure the loo's are looked after (we are prided on our loo's and we don't do the icky jobs, just make sure they are swept and pretty looking and any issues are reported back), patrol the site and spaces, being a safe and supportive presence, maintain the movement of traffic around site, love patrol, helping with an emergencies that arise in site with specific direction from a supervisor.

We then switch on Monday to being the people who support everyone to leave the site, happy, loved up, and with a great lasting impression of their time with us.

Stewarding is for you, if you are happy to work as a team, can be self motivated and alert to the needs of the site, are a people person, love to get stuck in with making sure everything runs smoothly, are adaptable as sometimes things change last minute, can be calm in all situations, like to be on your feet (we have a few sedentary posts, but not many, the site is large, so you will likely do a fair bit of walking, with regular pit stops), are a generally happy, kind, caring, get up and get it done attitude.

You will be rewarded by having a full day off during the festival, a meal per shift that you work from our own crew cafe, love patrol whilst on duty with a cuppa and snack part way through your shift, subsidised snacks/cake/real coffee!, lots of new friends, a space to rest and enjoy the peace of the countryside, a feeling of achievement and being a part of something, many of our volunteers come back year after year, because we become a family.

For your festival ticket and 3 meals, you are expected to work 3 x 6 hours shifts. A total of 18 hours. We need a small crew that helps us set up and take down the crew area, and be onsite for other supporting roles early. If this is you, then you would work flexibly with your hours before and after, but during the festival you would be free to enjoy it.

We crew the site from 8am till 2am, we have a very small crew to do early shifts 8am to 2pm and a small crew of night birds that are happy to do 8pm to 2am with the majority of shifts set from 10am to 4pm and 4pm to 10pm.

You are welcome to arrive onsite from 4pm Tuesday 2nd August to get set up and settle in, and everyone needs to arrive by 7pm Wednesday 3rd August, where we will have our steward safety briefing, everyone will get to know each other, and shifts will be allocated. You will not be able to leave the crew camp with a vehicle until after 12 noon Monday 8th August and you will then have until noon Tuesday 9th August to be off site, having supported any clean up of our crew area where possible.

For many reasons, we do not allocate shifts before the festival, as things do change, and we want you to have the chance to choose your role and your hours to work with what you want to see and do at the festival (trust me, this can seem madness, but it has always been the simplest way). Once you are accepted into the steward crew, you will sent a happy steward form which gives you a chance to share more about yourself, the roles you might like to do etc we have a facebook group that you can join to get to know each other beforehand, arrange to travel together etc

New applicants will be expected to pay an £80 deposit to secure your place, this is fully refundable at the end of the festival, on completion of your agreed shifts, and will be paid back into your bank account.

You will need to bring everything you need with you to make you a happy camper, sleeping bag, clothes, wellies, waterproofs (then it will be sunny), suncream, plates/cup/cutlery, tent/van/caravan etc (we need to know in advance about the vehicles you are bringing and this will be on the form you will complete after successful application) we will of course encourage you to travel in the most planet friendly way, on foot, public transport, lift share, encouraging the least vehicles on site that we can!

We cannot welcome dogs into the steward crew, we have a very small allocation of dogs allowed on site and these are for main crew that are onsite for more than a week.

If you have children, you are welcome to apply as a family, being aware that you will be allocated separate shifts from your partner/friend so that we can be assured that the children will always have a guardian with them. We have limited availability for children within the crew, so please get your application in quickly if you are considering this option.

So, if all of you is saying, YES I'm in, then we would LOVE to hear from you, complete the application form and we will be in touch ASAP. If you need more info please email stewards @greengathering.org.uk

We cannot wait to meet you and have fun in a field

Laura and Will