

FESTIVAL DESCRIPTION

After 25 years as the largest — and first — mental health film festival in the world, the Rendezvous with Madness Festival is dropping the word “film” from its title (but not from its lineup) and embracing a wider range of multidisciplinary art forms along with the provocative films it has become known for.

While the dedication to bringing light to issues surrounding mental health, addiction, recovery and wellness remains, the 26th Rendezvous with Madness Festival includes media installations, visual art, theatre, film, panel discussions and in-conversation events. The new festival format better reflects the multidisciplinary focus of the festival’s parent organization, Workman Arts, and provides opportunities to a more diverse pool of artists living with mental health and addiction experiences.

The expanded Rendezvous with Madness Festival takes place October 10 – 21, 2018, with the opening program timed to coincide with World Mental Health Day. Events will run throughout the 12-day period at several venues throughout Toronto.

SEEKING

The Rendezvous with Madness Festival is seeking volunteers with a passion for the arts and a dedication to opening dialogue about mental health, addictions, recovery and wellness through engagement with media installations, visual art, theatre, film, panel discussions and in-conversation events. We value inclusivity and accessibility at all levels of the festival, and encourage interested volunteers to reach out for any accommodation questions, needs or concerns. While volunteers can assist in a variety of roles suited to their skills and interests, it is particularly helpful to be comfortable engaging with the public, reliable, communicative with Festival staff, collaborative and flexible in your approach to your role.

Festival Volunteer roles include:

- Front of House Support
- Social Media Promotion
- Gallery Attendant
- Special Event Support
- Accessibility Support

Qualified candidates must be available to complete four shifts between October 10 and 21, 2018.

Volunteers will receive tickets to festival programs and events, a Rendezvous with Madness 2018 t-shirt, and the chance to engage with passionate activists and artists to advance our understanding of mental health through the arts. All applications will be reviewed, and qualified candidates will be invited to an in-person orientation session taking place in September.

To apply, please contact: rwm.volunteers@gmail.com