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Put your sewing skills to the test

The Octagon is looking for volunteers to join their wardrobe team

The **Octagon Theatre wardrobe department** are holding a **volunteer open day on Wed 29 March**, as they look for volunteers to join their team to assist with simple sewing jobs.

The producing-house theatre make and source all their own costumes for their in-house productions and are in the process of cataloguing their costume store.

With over 16,000 garments of clothing in their store, the wardrobe team are looking for volunteers to work with them to stitch labels into costume items.

Volunteers would need to be available one or two afternoons a week, with good basic sewing skills. The Octagon will provide all equipment and free refreshments will also be provided.

Anyone interested in volunteering can **register to attend the open day on Wed 29 March at 3pm**, which will provide full information about the role as well as offer an opportunity to chat to the team.

Wardrobe Manager at the Octagon Su Newell commented: *"We are inviting any keen sewing enthusiasts to join us as we work towards cataloguing our costume store.*

"As well as stitching in labels, we will be sharing our wealth of behind-the-scenes stories about our productions and discussing the wonderful history of the costumes that audiences see on our stage.

"It will be a brilliant opportunity for any theatre-lover who would like to learn more about what goes on in our busy wardrobe department, whilst meeting new people and offer a fun experience."

To express an interest in volunteering and attend the open day please email

wardrobe@octagonbolton.co.uk.

The volunteer open day will take place at the Octagon Theatre on Wednesday 29 March at 3pm

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Octagon Theatre Bolton

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