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Are you under 18?

Here are some volunteer roles for you!

Volunteering is a great way to gain skills and experience, help others, meet new people and have fun! The latest roles for young people are listed below. If you're interested in any of these opportunities, please contact the organisation(s) directly to find out more, using the details provided.

If you need any advice about volunteering, contact us on:

vc@vas.org.uk or 0114 253 6649

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ACCT Sheffield

Volunteer Playworker ACCTivate Sheffield to help provide a supportive environment where autistic children and young people can play, relax and be themselves

Age: 16+

In this volunteer role you'll help with running an exciting club for Autistic children. ACCT's Saturday morning club is attended by up to 35 children and their families looking to play games, have fun and make new friends. You could join in lots of different activities including sports, arts and crafts, computers, board games, gaming, pool, table tennis, and more.

Through attending regularly, you will be able to gain experience working with young people in a strong, supportive and fun environment.

Recruitment will be subject to completing an interview, enhanced DBS check and obtaining two references. You will also be asked to complete a Safeguarding Children Level 3 online course for which you will receive a certificate which is valid for 3 years.

Once you are offered a place you will receive further in-house training on the Autism Spectrum, in Safeguarding, and promoting positive behaviour. If you have any questions about the recruitment process, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Alison Kerfoot/Sera Cleverley, 01142230242 / 07527824034, volunteers@acctsheffield.org.uk

Derbyshire Law Centre

Communications and Events volunteer

Age: 14+

Anyone is welcome to volunteer with Derbyshire Law Centre, although demand for volunteering roles is very high and the number of positions available is limited. However, due to the way our Volunteering Project is currently funded we may be able to prioritise your application if you meet one or more of the criteria below:

- You have a physical disability or impairment
- You are a neurodivergent person
- You have a mental health condition or poor mental health
- You have a long-term health condition or illness

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Communications & Events Volunteers will support the Communications Worker to raise awareness of the Law Centre's work and impact, and to support with the raising of funds for the continuation and expansion of this work. General duties would include producing draft content for internal communications, with support from the communications worker, including visual content depending on the skills of individual volunteers. Also, they would assist with the collation and layout of communications pieces for internal circulation, attend awareness raising, fundraising, and recruitment events to promote the Law Centre's work in the local community. Additionally, with support from staff, volunteers will arrange and facilitate suitable fundraising events for the centre at appropriate local venues.

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Feedback and Evaluation Volunteer.

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Feedback and Evaluation Volunteers will support our Service Delivery team to gather feedback from current and former clients of the Law Centre in order to develop and improve the services and support we offer. General duties would include identifying a list of current and former clients with the support from the Service Delivery Manager, and contacting clients by telephone to complete an evaluation form and gather feedback. Volunteers would ask genuine and open-ended questions in order to encourage clients to share their experiences or suggest ideas for service development. They should also explore the client's current situation and establish whether further support from the centre was necessary: where this is the case and the client consents, volunteers would need to complete an assessment and make a referral to the relevant unit. Volunteers should send evaluation forms to clients by email or post when telephone contact is unavailable, record all survey responses in a digital format using Microsoft Forms, and perform basic analysis of evaluations to extract common themes to feedback to the Service Delivery Manager.

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Volunteer Administrator

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Volunteer Administrators will support the Law Centre's Administration team with basic office tasks to ensure the smooth running of the organisation's operations. General administrative duties include filing and archiving paper case files, preparation of correspondence for posting, and destruction of historical archived files in line with GDPR policy. Additionally, volunteers are expected to cover the receptionist desk during the



receptionists' breaks: this would include greeting clients, answering the telephone, and taking messages as required. Volunteers will also take part in basic typing and printing as required by case workers or the Administration team.

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Volunteer Assessor

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Volunteer Assessors will screen initial enquiries to the Law Centre and, with support from the Assessment Supervisor, progress the caller's issue(s) to the most appropriate stage: either providing self-help guidance and signposting or booking an appointment with a specialist advisor. Main duties will include greeting callers both over the phone and face to face and explaining the assessment process, exploring the caller's issue(s) whilst assessing the risk and urgency of their problem and their ability to handle it themselves, and identifying the next steps with support from the Assessment Supervisor. Volunteers should use online and paper resources to provide self-help guidance or signpost callers to alternative services. Also, they should book appointments where appropriate using Microsoft outlook Calendar and encourage callers to return if necessary. Volunteers should summarise the conversation and update the Law Centre's Case Management system, completing a record of the assessment according to an agreed format, and also liaise with the assessment supervisor and receptionist to ensure a smooth running of the front desk.

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Grimm & Co

Story Mentors - Volunteers

Age: 16+

We are looking for people that want to: Help children and young people to create stories, support creative literary arts activities and work with groups of school children - in school and out of school times; Use their ability to be patient, and to understand and respect the varying abilities and support needs.

If this sounds like you and you have experience of, or an interest in working with children and young people in a creative learning environment then get in touch. This role does require a commitment to regular volunteering to allow us to plan sessions in advance. Writing sessions vary in length between 1 and 3 hours with 30 minutes at each end for planning and feedback.

As a story mentor you will be volunteering in a creative arts based session with the Creative Learning team. The sessions include:



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Story Making - a school class of children from a school will come and visit us at Grimm & Co. They will collectively write the beginning and middle of a story and then create their own individual ending. As a story mentor you will ask open questions and support them with this.

Out of Schools - These are sessions that will be based on a 6 to 8 week project. As a mentor you will help support the children and young people with the projects.

Saturday Club - These sessions take place on a Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon. These are often a 6 to 8 week project and as a volunteer mentor you will support the team and the children and young people throughout the sessions.

Family Learning - These sessions are created for children aged 0 to 7 years of age and their families. It is a great opportunity to help children to start to use their imaginations and to enjoy learning.

Amanda Barnes - People Manager, 1709829750, amanda.barnes@grimmandco.co.uk

Lotus Collaborations UK CIC

Directors - We are looking to widen our team of autistic directors who are committed to our mission, and we are particularly encouraging applications from autistic survivors. *age: 16+*

Lotus Collaborations is an autistic survivor-led Community Interest Company addressing the needs of autistic survivors of sexual violence and related abuse.

Find out more here: www.lotuscollaborations.co.uk

We require autistic individuals who are passionate about shaping this service as the prevalence of sexual violence is particularly widespread among this cohort. We are also looking for people who do not wish to make a commitment beyond monthly management meetings / Board meetings as their role would be the general overseeing of the Community Interest Company. The input of individuals in this capacity is welcome in supporting the team to think through ways to grow the organisation.

Individuals who have a strong commitment to the rights of autistic individuals and the 'Nothing About us Without Us' campaign are particularly welcome to this role. Also, if you feel that you have skills which would be of relevance to this work, and which you would like to develop, do contact us.

Our team is supportive and friendly, and you will be provided with training and ongoing support.

Susy Ridout, N/A, lotuscollaborationsuk@gmail.com

Sheffcare

Volunteer Care Home Befrienders.

age: 16+

Could you be a Befriending Volunteer for Sheffcare?

Sheffcare is seeking compassionate and reliable Befriending Volunteers to help tackle loneliness and social isolation among older people in our residential homes.

As a befriending volunteer, you'll be a friendly face and a listening ear. You'll spend quality time with a resident, providing companionship and conversation. This is an incredibly impactful role that can make a massive difference to someone's day and their overall well-being.

What does the role involve?

- Committing to regular visits (e.g., weekly or fortnightly) to one of our residential homes.
- Spending time with a resident, either one-on-one or in a small group.
- Engaging in conversations, sharing stories, and listening to their experiences.
- Participating in activities like reading, playing cards, or simply enjoying a cup of tea together.



- Bringing warmth and companionship to someone who may not have many visitors.

Who are we looking for?

You don't need any special qualifications to be a befriending volunteer—just a few key qualities:

- Friendly and approachable: A warm smile and a kind word go a long way.
- A good listener: Someone who is patient and genuinely interested in what others have to say.
- Reliable: Someone who can commit to regular visits so a trusted relationship can grow.
- Respectful: Someone who is respectful of our residents' privacy and dignity.

This is a fantastic opportunity to give back to your community, gain experience in the care sector, and build meaningful relationships. You'll also receive ongoing support from our team at Sheffcare.

If you have a few hours to spare and a big heart, we'd love to hear from you.

Our Commitment to Inclusion

- Sheffcare is an equal opportunity employer and values diversity in our staff and volunteers.
- We welcome applications from people of all backgrounds, experiences, and identities.
- We believe that different perspectives enrich the lives of both our residents and our teams.

This is a voluntary position and is subject to a DBS check (which will be paid for by Sheffcare).

Julie Bell, 0114 280 8888 (option2 then option4), volunteering.admin@sheffcare.co.uk

Support, Arts, Gardening, Education

Supporting people with mental health issues in a gardening and arts and crafts group age: 16+

Do you enjoy supporting people one-to-one or in small groups? Would you like to work largely outdoors? SAGE is looking for volunteers to support our weekly therapeutic sessions on Grimesthorpe allotments on Tuesday and Thursday 9.30 - 1pm.

Volunteers will spend time supporting people with mental health issues in one of our weekly groups on our large allotment in Burngreave. You will help members to plan and plant their own small plot and take part in a wide range of arts and crafts activities tailored to meet their needs. We have a triple allotment which has a large heated indoor space for all-weather activities. No experience of gardening, crafts or mental health is necessary. You will chat with individuals and in the group, helping people feel part of our supportive and welcoming community. Volunteers help serve food and drinks, eating together is an important part of the group. We cook a vegetarian lunch for all with allotment produce, volunteers are invited to help with this if they would like to. After members leave, volunteers stay behind to help with tidying away and washing up, and for a short debrief.

Rebecca, 1146980027, enquiries@sagesheffield.org.uk

The Literacy Pirates

Literacy Support Volunteer (Virtual) age: 16+

Who are The Literacy Pirates?

We take children on voyages as readers and writers, and we're on the lookout for volunteers to join our virtual Crew.



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Through our term-long, after-school programme, we develop the literacy, confidence and perseverance of children aged 9-13 who are falling behind in school and have fewer opportunities in their personal lives, so that they can succeed at school and beyond.

Children join us on our Virtual Ship once a week to practise their reading and writing. By welcoming them into our joyful spaces, publishing their work in the real world, and celebrating everything they do, we develop their literacy, confidence and perseverance.

What does a Volunteer Crewmate do?

As a Volunteer Crewmate, your role is to join our online sessions and help children practise their reading and writing, 01:2 and in small groups.

Sessions are led and managed by our staff team, which means your time is solely focused on supporting the children.

What are we looking for?

We ask volunteers to give just two afternoons every half-term, although you are welcome to volunteer as frequently as you like!

Sessions run every weekday from 3:45 to 6:15 p.m. and you will have the flexibility to select which sessions you would like to attend.

Apply via our website!

<https://literacypirates.org/volunteer/>

Olivia Prophet, 07492779628, volunteering@literacypirates.org



Frequently Asked Questions

Can I volunteer?

Anyone can volunteer. People already in employment, full-time or part-time, refugees and asylum seekers, retired, students, unemployed and anyone else not mentioned here. Really, volunteering is for everyone.

When can I start?

It can take a few weeks for you to go through the application and recruitment process. The one thing that often takes the most time is the DBS police check (formerly CRB), though not all volunteering requires a police check.

What about my expenses?

Organisations should pay your travel and out of pocket expenses. To be registered with us we require this. Please contact us if you have had difficulty securing these expenses.

Do I need particular skills to volunteer?

Sometimes, depending on the voluntary role. But very often no particular skill is required; the organisation will give you the right training for your role.

How soon might I be able to find a paid job after I volunteer?

There is no guarantee that volunteering will lead to paid employment. But you will get a lot out of volunteering including new skills, experience and confidence, which can help with job prospects.

Will I get any support as a volunteer?

You should be given an induction when you start, training that is relevant to your role and catch-ups or supervisions relevant to your role.

I am an asylum seeker - am I allowed to volunteer?

Yes - you can volunteer as many hours as you want. There are no restrictions on asylum seekers volunteering. You are not allowed to do 'unpaid work' but volunteering is different. You are allowed to volunteer in a charity. Ask us for more information.

I'm on benefits - can I volunteer without losing my benefits?

Yes, you can - plus volunteering is recognised as giving you a better chance of finding paid work. So, you can volunteer as many hours as you like while you are on benefits, as long as you still meet the terms for getting them. If you are claiming Jobseeker's Allowance, this will mean you still need to look for paid work and you must be free to start a job with one week's notice.

It might be good to discuss your volunteering with your benefit agency so they are in the picture.

I am under 18 - can I volunteer?

Yes, you can. The opportunities in this bulletin are for under 18s and are organised according to the age they're open to.

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