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September 2026
Bulletin & Trustee Bulletin

Volunteer to:

- ✓ Gain skills and experience
- ✓ Make a difference in your community
- ✓ Help others
- ✓ Meet new people and have fun!

Explore the latest opportunities in this bulletin.



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search.sheffieldvolunteercentre.org.uk/volunteers/search

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What is the Volunteer Centre?

We are part of Voluntary Action Sheffield (VAS) and we help people wanting to volunteer and organisations offering voluntary roles to find one another. You can find out more about volunteering by contacting us:

- **Website:** sheffieldvolunteercentre.org.uk Click on '**Start volunteering**' and you will be able to search through all the volunteer roles currently advertised with us and register/apply online.
- **Email:** vc@vas.org.uk
- **Telephone:** 0114 253 6649
- **Facebook:** @SheffieldVolunteerCentre
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- **Face-to-face:** Come to our drop-in on a Tuesday – details below

Volunteer Centre drop-in

Come and see us anytime between 10am and 4pm on a Tuesday and have a chat with an advisor about volunteering. Our volunteer advisors are friendly, knowledgeable and experienced in helping people to find volunteer opportunities and can answer any questions you may have.

No need to book, just turn up!

You'll find us at: The Circle, 033 Rockingham Lane, Sheffield, S1 4FW

Are you an asylum seeker or refugee in Sheffield looking for:

- Education and training?
 - Volunteering?
- Support to get a job?
 - Social activities?

The New Beginnings project can help you to access information and advice on Education, Employment and Volunteering. We offer 1-2-1 appointments, a drop-in Jobs club and IT classes. We run social activities and work with groups in the city to run sports, games, walks and events.

Contact us: (0114) 253 6655 / 0774 392 4615 / refugee@vas.org.uk



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Find the perfect role for you!

Would you like to help your local community?
Join us in September to meet 20 organisations
and find out more about their volunteering
opportunities.

Wednesday 30th September 2026 10am - 2pm
The Circle, 33 Rockingham Lane, Sheffield, S1 4FW



Contact us for more information:

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Age UK Sheffield

Silver Sunday Soup Event Volunteer - Hillsborough (Sunday 4th October)

Intergenerational Soup Making & Lunch Event in Celebration of Silver Sunday: Older guests are invited to make a vegetable soup with volunteers, and enjoy eating the soup together for lunch. There will also be activities, games and a choir/singing group.

Tasks include:

- setting up and clearing away the space
- welcoming visitors
- assisting with soup preparation, lunch set-up and serving
- overseeing soup service and sitting with guests
- facilitating conversations, games and activities

This role is available on Sunday 4th October between 9.30am and 4pm (opening times for guests are 11am - 3pm).

Evelyn Callewaert, 07384 894 087, volunteering@ageuksheffield.org.uk

Buzz- Support for Separated Families

Fundraising & Corporate Partnerships Volunteer - Help Buzz Build Sustainable Income and Make a Difference to Children & Families.

Buzz is looking for an enthusiastic and creative **Fundraising & Partnerships Volunteer** to help us grow our income and build meaningful relationships with businesses and organisations.

You'll work alongside our Business Partnerships Manager to research new fundraising opportunities, identify potential corporate partners, develop creative fundraising ideas and help build relationships with potential supporters.

This is a flexible, hybrid role that can largely be carried out remotely, with occasional travel to Sheffield for meetings, networking opportunities or fundraising events.

You don't need formal fundraising experience. We're particularly interested in people with experience or skills in fundraising, business development, sales, networking, marketing, relationship building or research. Most importantly, we're looking for someone who is enthusiastic, proactive and passionate about making a difference.

By volunteering with Buzz, you'll help us develop sustainable income that directly supports children and families affected by separation. Your ideas, skills and connections could help us reach more families and strengthen the future of our charity.

Volunteer Responsibilities

- Research potential corporate partners, businesses, trusts and funding opportunities
- Identify new fundraising, sponsorship and partnership opportunities
- Help develop creative fundraising ideas, campaigns and events
- Build and maintain relationships with potential supporters and partners
- Support community fundraising activities and events
- Research charity of the year and corporate sponsorship opportunities
- Help develop fundraising materials and communications
- Identify new ways to generate sustainable income for Buzz
- Support the Business Partnerships Manager with fundraising and partnership activities



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- Represent Buzz positively and professionally when engaging with potential supporters
- Share ideas, contacts and opportunities that could help Buzz grow its impact

This is an exciting opportunity to use your skills for a cause that makes a real difference.

Paula Higgins, 7762365593, paula@buzzsheffield.co.uk

Buzz- Support for Separated Families

Supported Family Time Volunteer - Support Families Through Separation.

Are you passionate about making a positive difference in the lives of children and families? As a Supported Family Time Volunteer with Buzz, you'll play an important role in helping separated families spend meaningful time together and build positive relationships.

You'll support families during their time together, creating a welcoming, safe and child-focused environment. You'll help parents and children make the most of their time together while providing appropriate support and encouragement when needed.

The role may involve welcoming families, helping set up activities, observing family interactions and providing practical support throughout the session. You'll also help ensure that the child's needs, wellbeing and experience remain at the heart of the session.

You'll receive appropriate training and support from the Buzz team and you'll have the opportunity to develop valuable experience in working with children, families and professionals.

Volunteer Responsibilities

- Every other Saturday between 8.30am and 12.30pm
- Welcome children and families and help them feel comfortable and supported
- Support families during their time together in a safe, welcoming and child-focused environment
- Encourage positive interactions and help parents and children make the most of their time together
- Support with age-appropriate activities and play where appropriate
- Observe family interactions and remain attentive to the child's needs and wellbeing
- Follow Buzz's policies, procedures and safeguarding guidance at all times
- Maintain appropriate professional boundaries and confidentiality
- Share relevant observations or concerns with the Buzz team
- Work alongside Buzz staff and follow guidance provided by the Family Time Practitioners
- Attend required training and volunteer support sessions
- Represent Buzz positively and professionally at all times

This is a rewarding opportunity for someone who is compassionate, reliable and committed to helping children maintain positive relationships with their families following separation.

By volunteering with Buzz, you'll be making a direct difference to children and families at an important time in their lives and helping us create safe, supportive spaces where families can spend quality time together.

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Feed Our Communities CIC

Steering Group Volunteer

This role supports an 18-month feasibility project running until December 2027, exploring accessible agroecology, food security, ecological regeneration, and community-led environmental activity. Steering Group Volunteers help shape the direction of the project by contributing insight, lived experience, and constructive discussion.

The role is advisory and discussion-based. Volunteers attend monthly meetings, which are mainly held online to ensure accessibility. Occasional face-to-face meetings in Sheffield may take place during key stages of the project, such as reviewing the final design or working through materials that benefit from in-person discussion. There is no land-based or operational activity at this stage.

Emma Elizabeth Boswell, 7812802021, emma@feedourcommunitiescic.co.uk

Grandma's Soup

Intergenerational Cooking Day Volunteer - Grandma's Soup

Join Grandma's Soup on a mission to reduce loneliness among older adults by bringing generations together through cooking and connection. Join fun, flexible cooking sessions where students and seniors make soup together, chat, and build real connections. Open to all students.

Grandma's Soup is a student-led initiative dedicated to tackling loneliness among older people across the UK. By organising weekly activities in cities such as London, Sheffield, and Oxford, the project brings students and older adults together to prepare and share a simple bowl of soup. These gatherings create warm, relaxed, and meaningful social spaces where generations can connect, build friendships, and enjoy fun, cozy afternoons together.

As a **Cooking Day Volunteer**, you will:

- Take part in 2-hour cooking sessions, helping students and older adults prepare soup together.
- Assist with light setup and clean-up before and after the session (very minimal).
- Engage in warm conversation, support simple cooking tasks, and help build a welcoming, intergenerational atmosphere.
- Share a bowl of self-made soup and contribute directly to reducing loneliness in local communities.

Time commitment: Fully flexible — join once, weekly, or whenever you're free.

Location: Various Sheffield venues (details after sign-up).

Hannah Lim, 7305213959, hannah@grandmassoup.co.uk

Growtheatre CIC

Social Media Volunteer - Growtheatre CIC

Growtheatre is a theatre company with a difference. We believe that by developing theatre and creative projects inspired by the environment, landscape and the communities that we work in, we bring about a greater sense of belonging.

About the role



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Growtheatre is seeking 2 motivated and creative social media volunteers to work as a team creating social media content to promote Growtheatre. The ideal candidate should have experience in social media management, content creation, and a passion for people, community work and the arts. Great written communication skills and an ability to understand what we do and have a positive celebratory tone. We are looking for two social media volunteers to be responsible for managing Growtheatre's social media accounts, creating engaging content for our social feeds and helping to grow our online community. This will include spending some time each week, collating content sent via our workshop facilitators, responding to existing content from like-minded organisations and scheduling posts ahead of time to promote what we do.

Tasks

We can provide training on how to do the following tasks

- Scheduling weekly social media posts for our twitter, Facebook and Instagram platforms.
- Create and coordinate a social media plan in the lead-up to events.
- Editing text provided by Growtheatre facilitators into punchy and engaging social media posts.
- Create visually appealing and engaging content, including graphics, photos and videos to share across all social media platforms.
- Collaborate with other team members to create and promote events, fundraising campaigns and other initiatives.
- Respond to comments and messages on social media in a friendly and professional manner.
- Monitor social media trends and adjust content accordingly.

When you would be volunteering

We ask for a commitment of 1 - 2 hours per week working flexibly from home. We can be flexible and find a schedule to suit.

Development or progression opportunities

There could be opportunities to help develop our social media strategy and to create content for our website and copy for flyers and/or press releases etc. If you have any specific development goals, please discuss this with us and we will try to accommodate them where possible. References can be provided that support progression in the field of social media and/or the culture sector.

Support

You will be supported by via email, zoom or phone calls and offered regular supervision. We will provide initial training on the social media scheduling platform that we use, and to ensure the 'voice' of the company is consistent. Delivery staff will provide regular content in terms of photos and short videos of workshop activities.

Rachel Newman, 7745465391, rachel@growtheatre.org.uk

Heeley Trust

Heeley Voice Social Media Volunteer

After 10 years, Heeley Trust is bringing back the Heeley Voice, a quarterly magazine celebrating everything that makes Heeley special, from local people and community projects to events, stories and everything in between. We're looking for a creative and enthusiastic volunteer to help us build the magazine's social media presence from the ground up. It's a fantastic opportunity to get involved, have your ideas heard and play a key role in reconnecting the Heeley Voice with the community.

The role will involve **4 hours of volunteering each week**, with the flexibility to spread these hours across the week to suit your availability. We do ask that **at least 1 hour each week is carried out from Heeley Green Community Centre**, providing an opportunity to work alongside the team and stay connected to the magazine and wider community.

The volunteer role will include:



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Content creation – Create engaging and creative content, such as posts, videos, and infographics, to build an online audience and promote the work of Heeley Voice. Share this content on platforms such as Instagram, Facebook, TikTok and LinkedIn. Organise and maintain a regular posting schedule.

Social media account maintenance - respond to comments and direct messages to foster an active, welcoming online community. Create collaborative posts with other Heeley Trust accounts (e.g. Heeley Trust, Heeley Trust Community Hub, Newfield Green Library) to amplify their work. Review basic performance and engagement metrics to see what content resonates with audiences most.

Campaign and fundraising support – create social media posts to promote Heeley Voice fundraising initiatives such as crowdfunders, appeals and events.

Once you have registered your interest through VAS, Heeley Trust will be in touch to ask for a short paragraph telling them a bit about yourself. Heeley Trust will then invite people in for informal discussions before choosing the volunteer they think is the best-fit for the role.

Any questions please email: info@heeleytrust.com

Heeley Trust, 0114 399 1070, jim.m@heeleydevtrust.com

Help For Heroes

We are looking for volunteers to help raise awareness of Help for Heroes in their local community. Our Community Connectors will explain to people what Help for Heroes does.

What you'll be doing

- Explaining to people what Help for Heroes Community Building activities are about and provide general information about our other services and who we support.
- Engaging veterans in discussion at our Heroes cafes and supporting the Café Host (where applicable).
- Encouraging members of the Armed Forces Community to get involved in community opportunities and contribute their skills, knowledge and ideas.
- Promoting our volunteering opportunities and recommending us as a great place to volunteer.
- Attending online meetings with H4H Community Builders, other Community Connectors and online training.
- Supporting the development of connections between community members and local partners e.g. community associations, local authority, local voluntary groups etc
- Supporting local, community-based engagement activities e.g. working with groups of veterans/community members to identify local opportunities for community action and facilitating community engagement events.

To apply for this opportunity please use our Help for Heroes website at:

<https://www.helpforheroes.org.uk/give-support/volunteer/>

Sarah Bolam, 3003039888, sarah.bolam@helpforheroes.org.uk

MND Association

Association Visitor (Support Volunteer) - Association Visitors offer emotional and informative support to those living with and affected by MotorNeurone Disease ('MND').

Association Visitors offer emotional and informative support to those living with and affected by Motor Neurone Disease ('MND') in their communities. Information may include how to access support or how to navigate local services.

Tasks and activities?



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- Offer support for someone living with/affected by MND in an inclusive manner – this may be face-to-face, over the phone or online depending on personal preferences
- Signpost and provide relevant information which enables someone to access appropriate support available to them - including through the Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Association
- Where possible, attend local development sessions with other volunteers and staff, such as peer support meetings and other development events
- Handle data, take notes and produce simple reports using our secure online systems to communicate general updates with local teams – training is provided
- Adhere to the MND Association's policies and procedures, including GDPR and safeguarding
- This role may require expensed travel within an agreed area depending on the local activities.

Time commitment is variable and depending on different factors including individual capacity and the demand for this type of support in a specific local area at a given time

This role is recruited through our Safer Recruitment process, which means that it includes an interview, two references, and a review process.

A DBS check is also required due to the nature of the role.

Successful applicants will complete a structured induction and sign off process, involving completion of e-learning and a classroom training pathway specific to the role.

Volunteers receive ongoing local support and development from their allocated Community Support Coordinator ('CSC')

Jayne Thompson, 01604 800652, jayne.thompson@mndassociation.org

MND Association

Newsletter Editor

A Newsletter editor provides support to their respective Branch by writing and sharing local Newsletters, comprised of information and contributions from across the MND Community. Write and design a Branch Newsletter on a quarterly basis.

Frequency flexible

Compile the Newsletter with contributions and support from volunteers, members, local partners and other people affected by MND locally

Organise and implement the safe and secure distribution of the Newsletter to local members

Where possible, link with other volunteers such as Social Media Co-ordinator(s) and Webmaster(s) to co-ordinate communications and content sharing

Where possible, engage with the MND Association by contributing to the National Volunteering Newsletters and other communications and engagement channels as appropriate

Adhere to the MND Association's policies and procedures, including Safeguarding

Expectation on time is flexible and variable depending on local need and individual capacity

This role is recruited through Safer Recruitment processes, which means that it includes an informal interview and two references.



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Volunteers complete a basic induction and receive a welcome booklet about volunteering with the MND Association.

Volunteers receive ongoing local support from the local volunteer led branch volunteers

Jayne Thompson, 01604 800652, jayne.thompson@mndassociation.org

MND Association

Telephone Support Volunteer

Association Visitors offer emotional and informative support to those living with and affected by Motor Neurone Disease ('MND') by telephone.

Information may include how to access support or how to navigate local services.

Tasks and activities:

- Offer support for someone living with/affected by MND in an inclusive manner
Signpost and provide relevant information which enables someone to access appropriate support available to them - including through the Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Association
- Where possible, attend local development sessions with other volunteers and staff, such as peer support meetings and other development events
- Handle data, take notes and produce simple reports using our secure online systems to communicate general updates with local teams – training is provided
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Printed by Us

Archer Project Enterprises - Volunteer Retail Assistant

- Are you available for up to 4 hours each week?
- Would you like to fill that time supporting a brand with ethical and sustainable principles?
- Interested in building your experience in front line retail operations?
- Like the idea of working alongside inspirational people with lived experience of homelessness, who are now leading more fulfilling lives

Then we're the social enterprise for you!

You will play an important part in helping to further develop and establish Archer Project Enterprises, by acting as an ambassador of the Printed By Us brand. The post holder will have the chance to work as part of a friendly team, meet people from all walks of life and make new friends. This position would also provide the successful candidate with the time to develop or refine their confidence, interpersonal skills, lateral thinking, and retail



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experience, as well as with the opportunity to give something back to their community. No qualifications or volunteering experience is required.

Key Responsibilities

- Act as an ambassador for the *Printed By Us* brand and wider Archer Project Enterprises
- Provide a warm, welcoming customer experience in the retail unit
- Support the day-to-day operations of the shop, including basic sales and stock handling
- Maintain a tidy, presentable shop environment
- Work independently during shifts while staying aligned with team values and expectations
- Represent the organisation's mission to promote sustainable, ethical products and support individuals moving on from homelessness

Essential Criteria

- Available for up to 4 hours per week
- Comfortable with lone working in a retail setting
- Friendly, approachable, and able to interact with people from all walks of life
- Enthusiastic about contributing to a mission supporting individuals with lived experience of homelessness

Desirable Criteria

- An interest in gaining experience in retail or social enterprise environments
- A desire to build confidence, interpersonal skills, or customer service abilities
- Alignment with the values of social justice, sustainability, and inclusion

Key Info:

- This is an unpaid volunteer role
- Up to 4 hours per week, Monday to Sunday.
- Shifts are split into AM & PM blocks: 9:50am - 1:50pm & 1:40pm - 5:40pm.
- Location: Printed By Us retail unit, currently in Orchard Square, Sheffield City Centre.

Project 6 Gambling Support Service

Voluntary Gambling Harms SMART Recovery Facilitator - help initiate positive change & support recovery in your community.

We're looking for motivated and passionate individuals to join our committed team of Sheffield volunteers. They're integral in ensuring we're able to meet the needs of our communities, as their skills and experience are what help us deliver outstanding services.

As well as gaining valuable, hands-on experience in recovery services, we also ensure all our volunteers are supported to develop their knowledge and confidence, learning professional skills for future employment. You'll be supported throughout your volunteer journey with regular supervision to help you manage new challenges and get the most out of the opportunities available.

Currently, we are seeking enthusiastic and empathetic volunteers with lived experience of gambling harms to facilitate SMART Recovery groups. This rewarding role involves supporting individuals to explore practical tools and strategies that help them manage problematic behaviours as they work towards their recovery goals.

About the Role

As a Volunteer SMART Recovery Facilitator, you will:

- Facilitate SMART Recovery group sessions
- Create a welcoming, safe and inclusive environment
- Encourage participation and positive discussion



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- Support individuals to explore SMART Recovery tools and techniques
- Work collaboratively with staff, volunteers and participants
- Promote confidentiality and appropriate group boundaries
- Contribute to the positive development of recovery support within the community

Emily Kissoondyal, 7516711153, emily.kissoondyal@project6.org.uk

RNIB - Royal National Institute of Blind People

Lived Experience Speaker

We're keen to hear from you if you'd like to share your experiences as a blind and partially sighted person and help build a world which understands the impact of living with sight loss.

In this role, you will be:

- Delivering talks to groups of sighted people about your lived experience of sight loss to challenge their perceptions and behaviours. Audiences will vary but may include local businesses, community, faith and voluntary groups.
- Making links with your own existing groups and networks in your local community that may want to be involved in reducing barriers to blind and partially sighted people.
- Building relationships with people or local businesses you know.
- Taking part in and sharing information about specific campaigns and initiatives to help remove barriers to blind and partially sighted people.
- Delivering talks on behalf of RNIB's Social Action Team.

What you'll gain from the role:

- A chance to make a difference to the lives of blind and partially sighted people with a sense of achievement.
- A chance to be part of a team of like-minded people.
- To make an impact by speaking to groups of people.
- An opportunity to develop your role into delivering talks independently as your confidence and skills grow.
- An opportunity to improve public understanding, helping change perceptions and behaviours, building a world which understands sight loss.
- An opportunity to explore different volunteer roles within our organisation and have access to internal employment opportunities.

In return for donating your time we will provide:

- Induction to the role and organisation.
- Training in public speaking and telling your story.
- A supportive volunteer manager.
- Regular catch-ups.
- Expenses.
- An opportunity to connect with other volunteers.

How often will I be needed?

- 3 Hours per Action

Key requirements

- One reference

Location

Region

- Yorkshire and the Humber

Additional location information

- This role will be based at home and in your local area.

Who this opportunity will suit



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- This role is reserved for blind and partially sighted applicants

Minimum age

- You must be at least 18 years old to apply

What skills and experience are needed?

- Lived experience of issues affecting blind and partially sighted people.
- Be comfortable speaking to different audiences to share your story, or a willingness to try with our support.
- Effective communication skills.
- An outgoing friendly approach to meeting new people.
- Confidence in using a smart phone and email and engaging in meetings via video calls.

RNIB Volunteering Team, 01733 375450, volunteering@rnib.org.uk

SCCCC

Office Admin and Support Call Volunteer

You'll call an older person regularly to have a chat, providing welcome social contact to ease their loneliness.

Are you friendly, organised and interested in making a difference to the lives of older people? We are looking for volunteers who like a chat, feel confident with office tasks and want to help ease the loneliness of our older people through contributing to the effective running of our befriending focused Good Neighbour Scheme. The Good Neighbour Scheme staff and volunteer team currently support more than 300 older people through friendly visits, telephone calls and happy post/Penpal letters. Due to exceptional demand, we also have over 400 people waiting for our support.

This is a flexible role, and the activities can vary depending on your interests and confidence. You may choose to focus on admin and office tasks, lead on making calls to older people, or combine both. Previous experience of supporting people or doing admin is helpful but not essential, as our friendly staff team will provide ongoing support and supervision. Ideally, volunteers would be able to commit to a regular 4 hour slot, either weekly or fortnightly, at our Savile Street East premises

Interested in finding out more or want to make an application? Please click here for details of how to make an application via our NEW online portal <https://scccc.goassemble.com/opportunities>

Or you can contact Lynn Smith, Aaliyah Akhtar or Helen Abbott, our Volunteer Coordinators, via volunteers@scccc.co.uk or 0114 2505293 option 5.

Ellie Galloway, 7770741936, volunteers@scccc.co.uk

Sheffield Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus

Fundraising Event Support for Charity Ball (7th November)

We are a small 60 year old Sheffield charity that supports people with the complex conditions of Spina Bifida and or Hydrocephalus. We will be holding a fundraising ball on the 7th November 2026 at the Crowne Plaza Royal Victoria in Sheffield. Hosted in support of SHASBAH (Sheffield Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus), the evening will bring together our local community for an enchanting, botanical-themed celebration while raising vital funds to help continue the charity's invaluable work supporting children, young people, adults, and families living with spina bifida and hydrocephalus

We need of volunteers to help ensure our event runs smoothly and our fundraising is successful so we can continue the work we do supporting members with complex conditions of Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus. Volunteers will be supported by staff through the eventing and we will need help from 5pm until 10pm. This will ensure plenty of time to set up and meet everyone as well as be involved in the event. Volunteers will gain



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experience setting up and supporting a large fundraising event. Roles will include supporting photography, auctions, and helping with charity information and helping us to raise awareness.

Jess Williamson, 7542680404, volunteering@shasbah.co.uk

Sheffield Mencap and Gateway

Children's Services Volunteer

Our Children's Services provide fun, engaging and inclusive activities for children and young people with learning disabilities and autism during term time. As a volunteer, you'll help create a safe and supportive environment where children can have fun, build friendships, develop new skills and grow in confidence. You can volunteer in one of our three children's services:

Youth Gateway (Thursdays, 5.30pm–7.00pm)

Youth Gateway is an evening social club for young people, offering a variety of activities including arts and crafts, sports and team games. In this role, you will encourage young people to join in, support them to build friendships and help create an enjoyable and welcoming atmosphere.

Saturday Stars (Saturdays, 9.45am–12.15pm)

Saturday Stars gives children the opportunity to explore drama, dance, music and visual arts through creative and interactive activities. You will support children to express themselves, develop new interests and take part in activities that build confidence, creativity and teamwork.

Short Breaks (Saturdays, 12.30pm–3.30pm)

Short Breaks is a multi-activity club offering sports, cooking, arts and crafts, music, games and access to our sensory room. As a volunteer, you will help children participate in a range of activities, provide encouragement where needed and support them to enjoy a fun, stimulating and inclusive session.

Across all of our Children's Services, you will:

- Support children and young people to take part in activities and try new experiences.
- Encourage confidence, independence and positive social interactions.
- Work alongside staff and other volunteers to create a safe, inclusive and enjoyable environment.
- Build positive relationships with children and young people while ensuring they feel supported, valued and included throughout each session.

Laura Zielosko, 1142767757, volunteering@sheffieldmencap.org.uk

Sheffield Woodcraft Folk

Helper to provide 1:1 support for one of our group members

Our Friendly Foxes Elfin group (age 6-9) is looking for a volunteer to provide regular support with one of our group members.

The role involves attending weekly sessions at our venue in Meersbrook Park (and occasionally other sites around the city). We meet from 6-7.15 Every Thursday during term time. The role could be split between more than one person and sessions shared between them.

You will provide dedicated support to this child throughout sessions as well as liaising with the group coordinator/safeguarding lead and parents.

This role would suit someone who wants to get involved with our work without having to lead sessions. This role requires a DBS check and references, but there is no charge for the DBS check.

Kit Jones, sheffield.derwent@woodcraft.org.uk



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The Literacy Pirates

Volunteer with Children | Reading & Writing Support | Online

We take children on voyages as readers and writers. Volunteer with us to join the adventure!

Looking for a meaningful volunteering opportunity?

Volunteer with Literacy Pirates, a social mobility charity supporting children aged 9–13 who are falling behind in literacy and have fewer opportunities outside school.

By volunteering with us, you will work directly with children in small groups, helping them build confidence in reading and writing and celebrating their achievements along the way.

What will you do?

- Support children during online after-school sessions
- Encourage reading, writing and participation
- Help create a positive, playful and supportive environment

All sessions are led by staff, so your focus is entirely on supporting the children.

What will you gain?

- Full training and ongoing support
- Experience working with children
- Communication, leadership and problem-solving skills
- Hands on experience with a national literacy charity
- Volunteer discounts, get exclusive savings across popular brands
- An employment reference after completing 12 sessions
- Complete your work placement with us

What is the commitment?

We ask for just four afternoons per school term, with the flexibility to choose the sessions that suit you.

Sessions run **every weekday, 3:45-6:15pm, during term-time** but please note, we do **not** run sessions during half terms or the Christmas, Easter and Summer holidays.

Who can apply?

- Aged 16+
- UK resident
- Complete a criminal background check (we cover the cost of this)
- Must have access to a laptop or desktop computer with a working webcam and microphone (mobile devices are unsuitable for this role)

No experience is required to become a volunteer – just a desire to help children develop their reading and writing skills!

Apply via our website and start your training! <https://literacypirates.org/volunteer/>

If you have any questions or wish to discuss completing your work placement with us, please email volunteering@literacypirates.org

Olivia Prophet, 7492779628, volunteering@literacypirates.org



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The Sheffield City Knights Project

Volunteer Activity Supporter - Helping Adults with Learning Difficulties Thrive

We're The Sheffield City Knights Project, a small but passionate charity dedicated to creating safe, joyful and empowering spaces for adults with learning difficulties. From Tai Chi classes to community outings, we help people build confidence, friendships, and independence.

The Difference You'll Make

As a Volunteer Activity Supporter, you'll be a friendly face and steady hand, helping our members take part in activities they love. Whether it's encouraging someone to try a new craft, joining in a game, or simply sharing a cup of tea and a chat, you'll be making a real difference to someone's day.

What You'll Do

- Welcome and chat with members as they arrive.
- Support individuals during group activities such as art, baking, or gentle exercise.
- Help set up and tidy away materials and equipment.
- Encourage participation and celebrate achievements, big and small.
- Work alongside our staff to ensure everyone feels safe and included.

What You'll Bring

- A warm, patient, and friendly manner.
- Good listening skills and empathy.
- Reliability and a willingness to work as part of a team.
- No previous experience needed - just an open heart and a smile.

What You'll Get

- Full induction and ongoing support from our team.
- Training in safeguarding and disability awareness.
- The chance to develop communication and support skills.
- The joy of seeing the difference you make every week.

Practical Details

- **Location:** Saint Leonard's Community Church, 331 Arbourthorne Road, Sheffield, S2 2FH.
- **Time:** The Project is open from 9am - 3pm, Monday to Thursday. We are flexible as to how much time you can give.
- **Requirements:** Volunteers must be 18+ and willing to complete a DBS check (we'll arrange this).

Chris Higgins, 7344555375, chrishiggins70@hotmail.com

Weston Park Cancer Charity

Minibus driver - Weston Park Cancer Charity Transport Service

At Weston Park Cancer Charity, we provide a free, safe and reliable Transport Service to people throughout the region who need to come into Sheffield for their cancer treatment. You will drive our minibuses to and from their depots and pick-up points to bring cancer patients to their appointments at any of the Sheffield Teaching Hospitals (primarily Weston Park Hospital). You'll volunteer closely with our Transport Team (who coordinate the passenger lists) to ensure all patients arrive on time. Between journeys, you'll be invited to wait in our Charity Hub at Weston Park Hospital, and alongside other volunteers you'll contribute to the warm and supportive environment there. You may occasionally be asked to drive the minibuses to garages for MOTs, repairs and maintenance.

Volunteering Team, 0114 553 3330, option 5, volunteering@wpcancercharity.org.uk



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Lunch Club Volunteer

Join our vibrant Lunch Club and make a real difference in your community! We're seeking enthusiastic volunteers to bring warmth and support to our weekly gatherings in Westfield, Sheffield, S20. This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with others, share smiles, and contribute to a positive and welcoming atmosphere.

- Assisting with the **preparation** and **serving** of delicious lunches.
- Helping to clear tables and manage the *washing up* after the meal.
- Warmly welcoming attendees and engaging them in conversation and activities.
- Ensuring everyone has a thoroughly *enjoyable* and memorable experience.

If you have 3 to 4 hours to spare each Thursday, possess a **friendly** and **approachable** nature, and love chatting with people of all ages, we'd be thrilled to have you on board!

Joanne Jackson, 7856954775, joanne@mywoodhouse.co.uk



Be a Trustee!

Explore the latest
Trustee and
Management
Committee roles in
Sheffield

Why should I become a trustee?

- **Becoming a trustee could boost your career**

Trustees are exposed to a wide range of skills needed to oversee a charity: strategy and business planning, governance, HR, finance, marketing, fundraising, evaluation, property law and more. It can be an effective way to build your skills and your CV.

- **Become a trustee and give back to your community**

As a trustee, you can donate your skills, time and attention to a cause you love.

Trustees are often drawn to a charity because they're passionate about a particular cause, whether that's something they're interested in or something they've experienced themselves.

- **Become a trustee and share your skills, knowledge and experience**

Everyone has something unique to offer a charity.

What about the time commitment? Because charities are all so different, the time commitment can vary hugely – from around five hours per week to 30 hours per year - so it's vital you find a role that fits the time you can give.

Every trustee needs to:

- Make time to prepare for and attend meetings – sometimes once a month, but often 4 to 6 times a year; meetings vary from 1 to 2 hours to a full day each, depending on the charity and how often meetings are held.
- Be ready to support the charity between meetings or with other activities for example:
 - Considering issues over email or discussing matters over the phone with staff, other trustees, or the charity's external advisers
 - Helping organise a fundraising event or developing a fundraising strategy
 - Doing the bookkeeping for the charity
 - Acting as an ambassador for the charity
 - Sitting on a committee that looks in more detail at a specific aspect of the charity's work, such as finance, HR or safeguarding.

Taken from the Getting on Board 'How to be a Trustee' free guide. You can download this for free from the Getting on Board website: www.gettingonboard.org./how-to-become-a-trustee-free-guide>

**If you would like to talk about the general responsibilities of a trustee or committee member,
please contact vc@vas.org.uk**



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Age UK Sheffield

Age UK Sheffield Trustee

As part of our ongoing programme of Board development, we are now carrying out our annual recruitment for Trustees for our Charity.

If you are passionate about older people's issues, and are interested in joining our Board, we would like to hear from you. No previous experience is necessary.

Trustees are elected for three-year terms and can serve for up to three terms. Some existing Trustees are standing down later this year, leaving vacancies available for committed people who can bring us new skills, thinking and ideas. We would particularly welcome applicants from black and ethnic minority backgrounds, the LGBTQ+ community, and people with lived experience of health, financial or social issues affecting older people.

Please complete our Trustee application form and return it to recruitment@ageuksheffield.org.uk by 9am on Tuesday 5th May 2026.

Evelyn Callewaert, 07384 894 087, volunteering@ageuksheffield.org.uk

Bens Centre For Vulnerable People

Chair of the Board of Trustees

Key Responsibilities

- Chair Board meetings and ensure discussions are effective, inclusive and focused on the charity's strategic priorities.
- Support the Board of Trustees in fulfilling its governance responsibilities and maintaining good decision-making processes.
- Act as the principal point of contact between the Board and the Chief Executive Officer, providing support, guidance and constructive challenge.
- Work with fellow trustees to ensure appropriate oversight of the charity's finances, risks and long-term sustainability.
- Support the recruitment, induction and development of trustees to ensure the Board remains effective and diverse.
- Promote the values, mission and reputation of Ben's Centre and act as an ambassador for the organisation where appropriate.
- Encourage a positive, collaborative culture in which all trustees contribute to the governance and success of the charity.

Person Specification

Essential

- Commitment to the mission and values of Ben's Centre.
- Ability to chair meetings effectively and encourage participation.
- Good communication and relationship-building skills.
- Strategic thinking and sound judgement.
- Understanding of governance and accountability.
- Ability to provide support and constructive challenge.
- Commitment to equality, diversity, inclusion and safeguarding.

Desirable

- Previous trustee or board experience.
- Experience in the charity, health, housing, public or community sectors.
- Knowledge of issues impacting people experiencing homelessness, substance misuse or social exclusion.
- Experience of leadership, partnership working or organisational development.

Sarah Batty, 1142799961, sarah@benscentre.org



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Cast

Cast is looking for a new Chair of the Board of Trustees

Cast is seeking an experienced senior leader to join us as Board Chair Designate.

As an Arts Council England NPO and Theatre of Sanctuary, Cast welcomes over 120,000 people annually across 300+ performances and community projects. Following the appointment of Director James Blakey, you will lead our Board through an exciting period of strategic planning (2027-2032) and governance oversight.

What We're Looking For:

- Senior/executive leadership experience from any sector.
- Strong governance, strategic, and financial/data literacy.
- Passion for community engagement, equity, diversity, and the arts.

Commitment: 4 quarterly meetings (in person at Cast) + 1 Away Day per year, plus attendance at key events.

How to Apply: For full details and to download the Recruitment Pack, please visit our website: <https://www.castindoncaster.com/jobs/chair-of-the-board/>

Mary Swinden, 1302303959, hello@castindoncaster.com

Citizens advice rotherham

Trustee

Complete an introduction for your role

Maintain an awareness of how the local Citizens Advice is operating

Read papers for board meetings and attend a number of meetings per year

Work on specific projects with other trustees or staff within the local Citizens Advice to further the strategic objectives of the local Citizens Advice

Take an active discussion during board meetings and work with other trustees to:

Set policy and strategy direction, set targets and evaluate the performance of the local Citizens Advice

Monitor the financial position of the local Citizens Advice ensuring that it operates within its means and objectives, ensuring that there are clear

Ensure that all the finances and supporting financial control systems of the local Citizens Advice are in order including that full financial records are kept for all transactions, that money is only spent for the purpose given, and that proper financial controls are in place to safeguard the organisation's resources

Monitor the financial position of the local Citizens Advice ensuring that it operates within its means and objectives, ensuring that there are clear lines of accountability for day to day financial management

Seek the views of all sections of the community and monitor how well the service meets the needs of the local community

Ensure that the service plans for the recruitment and turnover of staff and volunteers

Review its own work and how effectively it operates including action for improvement

Jodie Hall, 07842609072, Jodie.Hall@citizensadvicerotherham.org.uk



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Trustee Board - Treasurer

Complete an introduction for your role

Maintain an awareness of how the local Citizens Advice is operating

Read papers for board meetings and attend (*insert number of*) meetings per year in addition to leading on any Finance Committee meetings to discuss finances in more detail

Explain, guide and advise the board on the key assumptions and financial implications of the local Citizens' Advice budgets, operational and strategic plans

Ensure that the organisation has an appropriate reserves policy and a realistic budget that meets the services' needs

Supporting any paid finance officer to explain, guide and advise the local Citizens Advice on the approval of budgets, accounts and financial statements with the organisation's framework

Present accounts at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in an accessible way for volunteers and staff

Ensure that annual accounts are prepared in compliance with SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice)

Accounting for Charities and submitted by the deadline to the Charity Commission and/or Registrar of Companies, and make arrangements for them to be audited or independently examined as required

Keep the board informed about its financial duties and responsibilities

Monitor the organisation's income and expenditure position and in conjunction with any paid finance officer present accessible reports at least quarterly to ensure board members understand the accounts and implications

Understand the accounting procedures and key internal controls to be able to assure the board that the charity's financial integrity is sound

Work with Citizens Advice staff, such as the Chief Officer or Finance Manager to give information and advice on financial matters

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Work together with other trustees or staff within the local Citizens Advice to further the strategic objectives of the local Citizens Advice, including developing a fundraising strategy

Take an active discussion during board meetings and work with other trustees to:

- set policy and strategy direction, set targets and evaluate the performance of the local Citizens Advice seek the views of all sections of the community and monitor how well the service meets the needs of the local community
- ensure that the service plans for the recruitment and turnover of staff and volunteers
- ensure that all the finances and supporting financial control systems of the local Citizens Advice are in order including that full financial records are kept for all transactions, that money is only spent for the purpose given, and that proper financial controls are in place to safeguard the organisation's resources
- monitor the financial position of the local Citizens Advice ensuring that it operates within its means and objectives, ensuring that there are clear lines of accountability for day to day financial management review its own work and how effectively it operates including action for improvement

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Grandma's Soup

Student Board Member - Grandma's Soup

Grandma's Soup is a social enterprise on a mission to reduce loneliness among older adults through cooking and connection. We're launching in Sheffield and seeking passionate student entrepreneurs to help build something exciting and meaningful from the ground up!

Grandma's Soup is a student-led initiative dedicated to tackling loneliness among older people across the UK. By organising weekly activities in cities such as London, Sheffield, and Oxford, the project brings students and older adults together to prepare and share a simple bowl of soup. These gatherings create warm, relaxed, and meaningful social spaces where generations can connect, build friendships, and enjoy fun, cozy afternoons together.

Depending on the role assigned within the board, you will take ownership of key areas such as volunteer recruitment, partnerships, marketing, or operations, helping to run and grow your local Grandma's Soup chapter. You'll work closely with a team of students to organise weekly cooking sessions, build community relationships, and drive initiatives that expand the project's reach and impact.

Role:

As a **Student Board Member**, you will join a passionate team of students to:

- Promote Grandma's Soup and recruit student volunteers
- Build relationships with community centres, local partners, and volunteers
- Create content and marketing materials to share our story and impact
- Organise and coordinate cooking days with older adults and fellow students
- Support fundraising and partnership initiatives to sustain and grow the project
- Collaborate with the wider UK and Dutch Grandma's Soup teams
- Help shape the vision and growth of Grandma's Soup in the UK

Board Roles:

- Chair (responsible for maintaining oversight of the group, acting as the main contact for the central office, coordinating with care homes and community centres, and developing strategic collaborations and partnerships)
- Elderly Coordinator (responsible for recruiting and staying in touch with elderly participants and care homes to ensure we reach as many elderly individuals as possible)
- Volunteering Coordinator (responsible for recruiting student volunteers and ensuring we have enough volunteers joining every cooking day)
- Marketing Lead (Responsible for managing social media, creating content, and ensuring we reach as many people as possible through various channels)
- Acquisition Lead (Responsible for securing funding, acquiring surplus food resources, and tracking income and expenses)

You are:

- Motivated with a proactive, entrepreneurial mindset
- Strong communication and teamwork skills
- Creative, enthusiastic, and committed to social impact
- Excited to be part of building something from the start and making a real difference

Benefits:

- Shape your own chapter and bring ideas to life
- Hands-on leadership and social enterprise experience
- Connect generations and make a tangible impact

Hannah Lim, 7305213959, hannah@grandmassoup.co.uk



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No Panic

No Panic Large Funding Applications Fundraiser - volunteering from home

No Panic is a national charity at the frontline of accessible help for anxiety sufferers. Those who call us can be struggling across a range of anxiety disorders: OCD; Panic Disorder; Phobias or General Anxiety Disorder.

Services include a helpline open 365 days a year, one to one mentoring courses run by trained volunteers, support emails and a website that is full of information and help.

When we receive a large sum from an organisation or individual it can make a big difference to the services we provide. Fundraisers in our Large Funding Applications Team seek out potential providers of these large sums, find out how to apply to them and complete their forms.

We are looking for people who are keen fundraisers on a large scale, have financial skills which can be used in a fundraising role and who are proactive. For more information or to apply: email volunteering@nopanic.org.uk or phone Chris on 07890 970555 or complete our questionnaire: nopanic.org.uk/large-funding-applications-team-fundraiser/

Chris, 07890 970555, volunteering@nopanic.org.uk

No Panic

Volunteer Trustee

No Panic is a national self-help charity, which supports people with a range of anxiety problems. We provide the *No Panic Helpline* and there is additional support services offered to members. Please see nopanic.org.uk.

We are seeking a skilled volunteer trustee to strengthen our board, particularly with experience in finance and raising funds.

Ideally, candidates will have volunteered at board level, in charities that only employ a small number of staff and rely mostly on volunteers.

We seek candidates who are confident and committed and prepared to step up. Candidates may be asked to fill Officer roles or join sub-committees. Officers may oversee the work of several teams.

The Board of Trustees meets on the last Wednesday evening of the first and third month of each quarter. In the second month, sub-committees meet.

This role is anticipated to take up about 4 hours a week; this will vary.

We ask volunteers to commit to a year.

To apply, please email volunteering@nopanic.org.uk.

You will need to provide a reference.

Sandra Seal, 07890 061016, volunteering@nopanic.org.uk

SAVTE (Sheffield English Language Support)

Volunteer Trustee

Help to connect and empower Sheffield communities

Shape SAVTE's future

Gain leadership experience

Build your CV

Trustees support the paid staff who deliver the day-to-day work of the charity. The Board of Trustees has responsibility for making sure SAVTE is delivering against its mission to help communities and individuals realise



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their potential through English language skills and volunteering. We oversee the management and administration of the charity, helping the staff and volunteers do what they do best.

For more information about the trustee role, please visit our webpage [Become-a-savte-trustee](#). At the end of the page you will find our Trustee application form. Please apply to become a SAVTE Trustee using our form.

Katrin Klosa, 01142123050, savte@savte.org.uk

Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust

Trustees Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust

Would you like to join our Board of Trustees of Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust?

This year we are looking for three people to join our Board of Trustees at our AGM in October 26.

Trustees of the Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust (SRWT) are volunteers who together lead the organisation in the planning, resourcing and delivery of its activities, so that it can achieve its charitable objectives. An enthusiastic, committed and active Board of Trustees, with a good range of knowledge, skills, experience and personal qualities is vital to the healthy and effective running of the organisation.

The Board of Trustees:

- Lead the strategic development and planning of the Trust
- Develop and adopt appropriate policies
- Aim to ensure that the Trust is legally compliant and works to best practice wherever possible
- Supports, guides and advises the Trust's staff and volunteers, especially the CEO and the Executive Team

This year, we are especially keen to hear from people who:

Have expertise, knowledge and experience in one or more of the of the following areas:

- Marketing
- Commercial management, business acumen, profit for purpose experience (with reference to our consultancy)
- Green finance.
- Enterprise development
- Income generation
- Legal experience

We are also recruiting for a Trustee to be our Treasurer who will have:

- Professional accounting qualification (e.g. ACA, ACCA, CIMA, AAT)
- Ability to analyse proposals and understand financial consequences
- Understanding of financial risk

Skills & Experience

Trustees should demonstrate some or all of the following:

- Passion for nature
- Interest in and enthusiasm for the work of the Wildlife Trust
- Experience of working as part of a decision-making group, board or committee either in a business or voluntary environment
- Experience or knowledge of the legal requirements of a charity
- Local knowledge of the places in which the Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust operates
- Experience of financial management and budgeting in a business or voluntary environment

The following areas of expertise are always welcome on the Board:

- Environmental Law/ Protected species
- Land Management and Conservation
- Community Outreach and Development
- Education & Training, Working with Children and Young People
- Advocacy & Campaigning
- Research: relevant to the work of the Trust
- Fundraising
- Health, Safety and safeguarding policy and compliance
- Have a good knowledge of communities and/or natural environment in Rotherham
- Can represent more of our diverse community in Sheffield & Rotherham



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For further information and to hear from our Chair of Trustees please visit our website and read our Trustee Recruitment Booklet

<https://www.wildsheffield.com/about/work-for-us/>

Helen Newbound, 0114 263 4335, volunteering@wildsheffield.com

Stothard Supported Living

Chair of the Board

Lead a growing supported living charity into its next chapter

Are you a strategic and values-driven leader with a passion for supporting vulnerable adults? **Stothard Supported Living** is seeking an experienced and committed individual to serve as Chair of our Board of Trustees. Stothard Supported Living is a small registered charity providing supported living and tenant management services for vulnerable adults. We currently manage nine supported living units on behalf of The Guinness Partnership, ensuring that residents receive safe, secure, and high-quality housing with person-centred support that promotes independence and dignity.

We are now entering an exciting new phase of development and are seeking an experienced and visionary leader to help shape our future. Our goal is to strengthen our financial sustainability, expand our services, and increase our positive impact in the community.

The Role:

As Chair, you will play a vital role in guiding the organisation's vision, ensuring strong governance, and supporting the Chief Executive and board members to deliver meaningful impact.

Key Responsibilities:

- Provide leadership to the Board, ensuring effective governance and strategic direction
- Chair board meetings, setting agendas and facilitating constructive and inclusive discussion
- Support and challenge the executive team to achieve the charity's objectives
- Oversee organisational performance, financial health, and risk management
- Act as an ambassador for the organisation, building relationships with partners and stakeholders
- Ensure compliance with all legal and regulatory requirements

What We're Looking For:

- Proven leadership experience at a senior level (board or trustee experience desirable)
- Strong strategic thinking and sound judgement
- A commitment to improving the lives of vulnerable adults
- Excellent communication and relationship-building skills
- Understanding of governance, finance, or housing/social care sectors (desirable)
- Ability to dedicate approximately 4 hours per month

What You'll Gain:

- The opportunity to lead and shape a growing, purpose-driven charity
- A chance to make a meaningful difference in people's lives
- Experience working alongside a committed and passionate board and leadership team
- Personal and professional development

This is a voluntary, unpaid position. Reasonable expenses will be reimbursed.

Location: Crookes, Sheffield

To Apply:

Please send your CV and a short statement outlining your interest and suitability to admin@stothardsupport.org

Join us in shaping the future of Stothard Supported Living and helping vulnerable adults live with greater independence, dignity, and security.

Maia Salman-Lord, 0114 2687626, admin@stothardsupport.org



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The Furnival

Charity Trustee

Burgreave- based charity seeking new trustees

Who we are

The Furnival seeks to reach out into the very diverse community surrounding it. The Furnival was incorporated as a charitable limited company in 2013. Our vision is of a vibrant diverse and inclusive community, in which people know they are valued and fulfil their full human potential. We are part of our community, to provide a safe and stimulating space for listening, learning, growing and building relationships.

What We Do

The Furnival has responded to its changing community and adapted its activities over the years. Our current activities are varied but primarily include Creative English and Multiply (ESOL and numeracy for ESOL), a community cooking group using 'fair share food', group cultural and wellbeing outings to the cinema and countryside; a sewing group, and health and fitness sessions such as Pilates classes. We reach out to local women and children, from various international backgrounds.

Our Basis and Values

The Furnival has roots with the local Methodist church, however we serve and welcome participants and trustees of all faiths and none. The Furnival aims to create a public benefit through the provision of a physical base, which is a safe space for its beneficiaries, situated at the very centre of one of Sheffield's most deprived communities. The key policy is to provide access to resources and maintaining respect for everyone, irrespective of race, culture, gender, religion, ability/disability, or sexual orientation.

Our values are to help people help themselves by being:

- Holistic
- Caring
- Welcoming
- Inclusive
- Hopeful
- Effective

Our Trustees

We currently have 4 trustees, all with relevant professional experience, and a passion for the work of The Furnival. As a trustee group, we have recognised that for a number of years we have 'survived' (sometimes only just), but our ambition is to be an organisation that 'thrives' where people love to come as staff, volunteers, or from the local community. In order to do this we have recognised a number of steps to be taken - one of which is to strengthen the trustee group.

We would particularly welcome trustees with a background in:

- Special education or ESOL
- Finance / Fundraising
- Business administration
- HR and policy

We would also love to welcome members of the local community, who are under-represented in the group. While we are seeking to strengthen our trustee board, we would welcome people who might be able to take on a specific shorter term role (e.g. consulting on business development, or fundraising).

Meeting commitments

Trustees normally meet on the second Monday of every month from 5pm for no more than 2 hours.

During the spring and summer we try to meet in person at The Furnival premises.

During the autumn and winter we typically meet via video call (Zoom).

Verdon Street Enterprises

Additionally trustees of The Furnival are also trustees of Verdon Street Enterprise, a separate, but related limited company set up to maintain and manage 3 shop units adjacent to The Furnival. These units are



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nominally owned by The Local Authority, but managed by Verdon Street Enterprises. They are let to various local organisations who carry out commercial or charitable activities.

If you think you would like to have a role in helping our charity to thrive, please contact our Chair, Iain Cloke at ian.cloke@gmail.com.

Voluntary Action Sheffield

Trustee for Voluntary Action Sheffield

VAS is recruiting!

Summary of opportunity

Voluntary Action Sheffield (VAS) is a charitable organisation known as a Local Infrastructure Organisation (LIO) made up of people who care about making a difference and want to leverage their understanding, experience and any position or privilege to support others. A values led organisation, we are dedicated to delivering our purpose of supporting people, communities and the Voluntary Community, Faith and Social Enterprise (VCF-SE) sector to lead positive change - that matters to local people and will help them get the best results now and in the future. Our staff, volunteers and trustees bring a wealth of skills knowledge and experience to their work, alongside a continual willingness to learn. We are looking to appoint at least **four** new trustees to support VAS to realise our vision:

People in Sheffield have the opportunity to live healthy, fulfilling lives, reach their potential, and thrive equally.

Our values reflect what we believe will help achieve our vision for Sheffield:

- Equity and Social Justice
- Trust and Mutual Respect
- Partnership
- The value within people, communities and the VCF-SE

We are ambitious and optimistic – we love Sheffield and want it to be a great and welcoming city. While there is much to celebrate, we recognise that support and services do not work for all people within our communities. We recognise inequalities maintain poverty and injustice, and we work to address not just the symptoms but the systems which continue inequalities. VAS **ACTS** for social change:

- We are Ambitious
- We make Connections
- We do it Together
- We build Strength

Overview of the Board of Trustees and role responsibilities

The Board is responsible for maintaining a strategic overview of the work of VAS, making key decisions to ensure the organisation delivers its mission successfully – serving the city of Sheffield, a city that we love. We are undergoing a period of transition at VAS as we move to implement our future ways of working in line with our strategy, so it is more important than ever for the Board to be able to support our staff not only operationally, but also strategically.

Our Board is currently comprised of eight members. As part of our last round of recruitment, we put effort into increasing the diversity of our Board, particularly young, working age people and people belonging to under-represented or marginalised groups, so that our trustees are representative of the city they serve. We hope to continue this trend and encourage candidates from under-represented backgrounds to apply. If there is anything we can do to support you in this process, please let us know.

Trustee responsibilities include:

- ensuring that the work of VAS is conducted within the framework of the Memorandum & Articles of Association;
- ensuring compliance with all relevant legislation, including employment, company, charity and health & safety law;



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- the employment of all staff;
- determining policy;
- determining strategic objectives;
- monitoring and evaluating performance;
- ensuring that the assets and finances of the organisation are properly managed and accounted for;
- ensuring accountability to members, users and funders.

Expected time commitment

- One 3-hour Board meeting per quarter, plus a one-hour budget meeting in March
- Half a day per annum to attend the VAS Annual General Meeting
- Preparation for meetings will depend on required contribution (e.g., reading and understanding papers may take an hour per meeting, but at times you may also be required to contribute to papers)
- We encourage our trustees to get involved with other areas of work at both an organisational and Board level which would raise the expected time commitment – whether that's buddying with a senior member of staff whose area of work you can support with your skills and expertise or attending a sub-committee

Impact of role

We're proud to have been at the heart of our community for almost 100 years, championing the incredible work of the voluntary and community sector. Our impact is felt across the city, and we are dedicated to building a vibrant and resilient voluntary sector. These are just some of the things we have focused on in the past year alone:

- Improving the offer of support for frontline workers in the sector through initiatives like the development of a support network for frontline workers and co-ordinating the delivery of free Mental Health First Aid training.
- Building an inclusive volunteering approach that now means we are reaching groups under-represented in volunteering – less than half our volunteers identify as White British and 20% are unemployed.
- Supported 1220 clients through a project which co-delivers support (from employment to social activities) for Sheffield's refugee and asylum seeker community.

The contribution of our trustees is invaluable in ensuring the sustainability of this work, and if you choose to become a trustee, you will be essential in helping us navigate decisions about current and future work, directly influencing the route to making our vision for Sheffield a reality.

If you would like to apply, please email CEO@vas.org.uk using the subject line 'Trustee Application Form 2026' and we will send you an application form, and if you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We look forward to hearing from you!

Mina Clarke, 7790021734, M.Clarke@vas.org.uk



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Zest

Volunteer trustees wanted: 1X HR Lead, 01 X Treasurer

Could you make a real difference and play a part in making our community a beacon for health, wellbeing and equality?

Zest is looking for a Treasurer and a HR Lead to join our Board of Trustees. You'll be working with our teams and the general public to help build a community we can be proud of in Upperthorpe, Netherthorpe and the surrounding areas.

The rewards of trusteeship are numerous. Not only do trustees get an enormous sense of wellbeing and purpose but it's a great opportunity to develop strategy, finance, HR, and marketing skills. It also provides a setting in which to test your leadership qualities in a high-level business environment. Wonderful for career development.

To apply or find out more information check out the roles on our website:

HR Lead Trustee: <https://www.zestcommunity.co.uk/hr-lead-trustee/>

Trustee Treasurer: <https://www.zestcommunity.co.uk/trustee-treasurer/>

Sean Markham, 0114 2702040, volunteering@zestcommunity.co.uk



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. There are a range of opportunities set up for younger volunteers; you can download a list of these from our website. If you need help doing this, please call us on 0114 253 6649 or e-mail vc@vas.org.uk

I have a criminal conviction - can I volunteer?

You can, and many people with criminal convictions do. It all depends on the nature of your conviction, how recent it was, the kind of voluntary role you would like and the organisation where you wish to volunteer.

Any other questions? Please call us on 0114 253 6649 or email vc@vas.org.uk



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Rights and responsibilities

As a volunteer you have a right to:

- Travel expenses
- Induction and relevant training
- Support and supervision
- Safe working conditions
- Insurance cover
- Being treated in accordance with an organisation's equal opportunities policy
- Access to a Complaints Procedure

Your responsibilities are:

- Working within the organisation's policies and procedures, which will be explained to you
- Working within the boundaries of the volunteering task profile
- Maintaining confidentiality as appropriate
- Informing the Volunteer Manager of any problems.

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