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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

www.sheffieldvolunteercentre.org.uk

ACCT Sheffield

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

Frances Burkinshaw/Sera Cleverley, 0114 223 0242 / 0752 782 4034, volunteers@acctsheffield.org.uk

Childline Leeds (NSPCC)

Childline Volunteer Counsellor **16+**

Someone who wants to make a difference to children's lives by being there to listen when they feel they have no one else to turn to. As a Childline counsellor, you'll be there for young people and listen to them as they open up about whatever is worrying them, whether it's bullying, abuse, self-harm or family relationships – you'll be there to support them.

What you'll do

You'll volunteer in our Leeds Childline base, offering counselling support to children and young people over the phone or through our 1-2-1 online chat. Your supervisor will help you develop and evaluate your counselling skills. After your initial training, you will be able to help young people as well as identify when a child or young person may be at risk, but don't worry a supervisor will be on hand to give you plenty of support.

What you'll get

You'll receive training sessions over 12 weeks to prepare you for the role. When you start your regular shifts, a supervisor will be around all times to support you. Every shift includes a briefing and debriefing alongside other volunteers. Supervisors will also give you regular one-to-one support and group supervisions.

Rebecca Shaw, 0441 1388 712, rebecca.shaw@nspcc.org.uk

Derbyshire Law Centre

Communications and Events volunteer **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

If you believe you meet one of the above criteria, please include any relevant information you feel comfortable to share in your application.

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.

Siobhan Hible, 01246 550 674, siobhan.hible@derbyshirelawcentre.org.uk

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Feedback and Evaluation Volunteer **14+**

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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 **14+**

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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 **16+**

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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 **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:

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, 01709 829 750, amanda.barnes@grimmandco.co.uk

Sheffcare

Volunteer Care Home Befrienders **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 (option 2 then option 4), volunteering.admin@sheffcare.co.uk

Sheffield Cathedral

Retail Volunteer **16+**
As a retail volunteer, you will

- Serve customers using high standards of customer care at all times, providing a helpful, efficient and friendly service
- Handle cash and credit/debit cards in accordance with cash handling procedures
- Move stock as directed; fill displays as necessary to merchandise and display products appropriately and ensure products have the correct prices on them
- Keep all work areas clean, tidy and safe
- Process customer orders accurately and efficiently, following shop procedures
- Be aware of events and services in the Cathedral in order to respond to customer queries
- Maintaining high standards of personal appearance and conduct
- Provide a friendly and enjoyable shopping experience for all customers
- Carry out accurate counting of stock during stock taking procedures

Denise Lawrenson, 07957 783 880, denise.lawrenson@sheffield-cathedral.org.uk

Sheffield Cathedral

Tour Guide **16+**
As a tour guide, you will

- Offer visitors a warm, friendly, inclusive, and positive welcome
- Present a tour based on the cathedral, in a confident, clear, inclusive, and engaging manner; and drawing out themes and stories
- Enable people to get to know and enjoy the Cathedral
- Tailor your presentation to the needs of the group, making what you are saying accessible to visitors from other cultures; and including simple connections and comparisons, where possible
- Show pride in daily Cathedral life - rejoice in the joy of an excited child; share the pleasure of music being such an integral part of Cathedral life; and being proud of external events bringing new people to our beautiful Cathedral

- Finish the tour by thanking those in your group for visiting, inviting visitors to attend a service and suggesting they may like to leave via our gift shop, and look at our souvenirs
- Offer to find out any information requested, and agree how the visitor may receive this either via email, the office, or a return visit with yourself on an agreed date
- Report any problems to the vergers, office staff, or Volunteers Manager

Denise Lawrenson, 0795 7783 880, denise.lawrenson@sheffield-cathedral.org.uk

Sheffield Cathedral

Visitor Welcome **16+**

As a visitor welcome, your tasks will include to:

- Welcome all who visit Sheffield Cathedral
- Listen to visitors and respond to need
- Give information re history, heritage, events, meetings and services
- Direct visitors to meetings, events, concerts, studies or services taking place within Sheffield Cathedral
- Assist visitors with general enquiries about Sheffield, sharing your knowledge of the city and Yorkshire
- Promote our information leaflets, events, activities and services to visitors
- Direct people to the Clergy or Chaplain to discuss faith issues

Denise Lawrenson, 0795 7783 880, denise.lawrenson@sheffield-cathedral.org.uk

Sheffield Food Chain

Cooking with a Group **16+**

Working alongside an experienced Lead Cook, our team of volunteers transforms donated surplus food into a variety of nutritious vegetarian and vegan meals for the community.

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers who are comfortable working in a kitchen and happy to help with a range of tasks, including:

- **Setting up** – Carrying equipment from our office to the kitchen.
- **Food preparation** – Chopping, peeling and preparing ingredients.
- **Portioning and labelling** – Packing meals into containers and ensuring they are clearly labelled.
- **Cleaning** – Tidying and cleaning the kitchen at the end of the session.

Location

Cemetery Road Baptist Church
11 Napier Street, Sheffield, S11 8HA
Please ring the large grey buzzer at the rear entrance on Napier Street and a volunteer will let you in.

Time

Arrive at **5:00pm**. Sessions usually finish between **8:30pm and 9:00pm**.

What to Expect

You'll be part of a team of around six volunteers helping to prepare ingredients, cook meals, pack food and clean up. A Lead Cook will be on hand throughout the session to provide guidance and support.

We usually finish by sharing a meal together. This is completely optional, so if you need to leave promptly, simply let the Lead Cook know.

Will Cole, info@sheffieldfoodchain.org

Sheffield Food Chain

Cycle deliveries in pairs **17+**

Join our friendly team of cyclist volunteers to deliver surplus-food meals to people across Sheffield.
You'll cycle in pairs, with support from an experienced cyclist, and help safely deliver frozen meals that have been prepared using surplus food. Routes are up to **12km (long route)** or **8km (short route)**, and you can choose which route suits you best on the day.
We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers who are comfortable cycling Sheffield's hills and happy to get involved with a few different tasks:

- **Packing and handling** – Selecting and loading frozen meals into delivery bags, taking care around allergens and food handling.
- **Navigation** – Working together to plan and navigate your delivery route.
- **Communication** – Saying hello to people at the door where appropriate, and sharing any useful feedback or delivery issues with the team.

Where:
Cemetery Road Baptist Church
11 Napier St, Sheffield S11 8HA
(Ring the big grey buzzer at the back on Napier St and a volunteer will let you in.)
When:
Please arrive at **5.30pm**. We aim to finish by **7.30pm at the latest**.
What to bring:
Please bring a bike with pannier racks fitted. We have pannier bags available to borrow if you need one.
After the deliveries:
You're very welcome to stay for a hot meal with the cooks and other volunteers.
No specialist experience is needed — just a willingness to get involved, work as part of a team and help make a difference in the local community.

Will Cole, info@sheffieldfoodchain.org

Sheffield Woodcraft Folk

Helper to provide 1:1 support for one of our group members **13+**

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 fron 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

St Luke's Hospice

Retail Volunteer - various locations available across Sheffield **14+**

Our retail volunteers assist the Shop Manager in all aspects of running our shops; including preparing our donations for the shop floor, keeping our stock room clean and organised, serving customers and visual merchandising. Volunteers can choose to specialise in any tasks or areas of the shop that they particularly enjoy.

Tasks include till duties, wrapping of goods, handling credit card payments and promoting Gift Aid, steaming, hanging and displaying items and creating displays with guidance for the Shop Manager or Deputy Shop Manager, light cleaning of displays and stock replenishment.

If you have good communication skills and are interested in retail and customer service this could be the role for you. You'll be the face of St Luke's Hospice & enjoy being part of a team.

Leah Smith, 0114 235 7639, volunteer@hospicesheffield.co.uk

Support, Arts, Gardening, Education

Supporting people to improve their wellbeing through nature, arts and singing **16+**

Do you enjoy supporting people one-to-one or in small groups? We provide volunteering opportunites in nature with our 'Greenfingers' groups or with our safe female space 'Singing through the Seasons' : Opportunities available to support our weekly social and horticultural therapeutic sessions on Grimesthorpe allotments on Tuesday and Thursday 9.30 - 1pm and Female only singing sessions on Monday afternoons 12.30 - 2pm.

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. After members leave, volunteers stay behind to help with tidying away and washing up, and for a short debrief.

Female volunteers can also support are Singing through the Seasons group where the use of the natural voice in harmony with each other is key to improving well being and reducing loneliness. You will be providing a welcoming and friendly atmosphere to encourage and provide support to the session leaders in setting up the venue and serving refreshments. No singing experience and you don't have to sing that well needed but wanting to join is vital! Singing through the Seasons venue is accessible for wheelchair users.

Please state which opportunity you would prefer when letting us know your interest in volunteering with us.

Rebecca, 0114 698 0027, enquiries@sagesheffield.org.uk

The Literacy Pirates

Volunteer with Children | Reading & Writing Support | Online **16+**

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
- Complete you Duke of Edinburgh volunteering hours with us

What is the commitment??
We ask for j**ust one afternoon a month,** with the flexibility to choose the sessions that suit you.
Sessions **run every weekday during term-tim**e but please note, we do **not** run sessions during half terms or the Christmas, Easter and Summer holidays.
Online: 3:45–6:15 p.m.

Who can apply?

- Aged 16+?
- UK resident?
- Complete a criminal background check (we cover the cost of this)?
- For online volunteering: 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, please email volunteering@literacypirates.org.

Olivia Prophet, 07492 779 628, 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 weeks' 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.

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