



Volunteer Centre

North Somerset

Part of Voluntary Action North Somerset

For further information on any of the volunteering opportunities shown below please come along to a Drop In or contact the Volunteer Centre at

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Weston-super-Mare

Activity Supporter Education Other Than At School (E.O.T.A.S)

Mon-Fri day

To work with staff providing alternative schooling for pupils aged 9 to 16 who have difficulties maintaining their place in a mainstream school. The support can include both assisting in classroom work and also in recreational activities.

Admissions Assistant Helicopter Museum

Mon-Fri day Weekend day

Develop your customer service skills at Weston's largest undercover attraction. Join our friendly team greeting visitors, dealing with enquiries, collecting admission charges, selling souvenirs and helicopter flights. Help is required Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat and Sun (Mon and Tues during school easter and summer holidays.) The museum is open from 10am to 5.30 p.m. during the Summer (4.30 Oct - Mar) hours to suit. Please note that during the winter months the role can be a particularly quiet one.

Adopted Buddy Lakeside Social Activity Club

Mon-Fri pm

The majority of our residents are senior citizens and either vulnerable or disabled. We are looking for volunteers who will come along to the scheme in the afternoon and make contact with the residents in the community room. We are trying to encourage friendships and also in the better weather to walk out to the lake and shops with our residents, both those able to walk and wheelchair users.

**After School Club Helper Xtnd Opportunities Unlimited
Mon-Thurs pm**

We run an after school club for children aged 4-11 years. The children take part in a range of activities such as:

- ' Outdoor play (weather permitting)
- ' Gardening
- ' Creative activities - such as painting and craft
- ' Cookery
- ' Sports

The children then have tea as a group and there is a free play session afterwards. Before going home the children are encouraged to clear up any mess and put away toys and equipment. We need volunteers to help supervise the children, making sure that they are safe and all have a chance to join in.

Some of the children can be challenging to work with and volunteers will need to be confident around children. We would particularly welcome volunteers who have skills/experience in music, knitting or needlework, sports, cooking, gardening and arts/crafts as we'd like to broaden the activities we offer at the club. Volunteers receive induction training and are supported by play leaders.

**Are you a missing link? West of England Nightstop
Time Flexible**

You can help in various ways -

Accommodation Providers (hosts) offer overnight stays in their spare bedrooms to homeless single 16-25 year olds, with food and bathroom facilities.

Events support. Helping with Stalls and organisation of charity events.

Fund Raisers to help obtain the financial life blood of the project

Plus any casual help in design/production of publicity.

**Art and Crafts Helper Somewhere To Go Ltd
Mon Day Wed am/pm Fri am/pm**

Teaching clients basic art/craft skills to achieve something e.g. making Christmas cards or decorations. Do you have a skill you can share with others.

Sessions last 10.30am - 2.30pm. Hours are flexible within those times

**Artists & Cooks required Leonard Cheshire Disability - Birnbeck House
Time Flexible**

Artists / Cooks required to inspire people with learning disabilities on one to one or small groups basis with cookery and crafts

**Assisting people with learning difficulties to go to the pub Leonard Cheshire Disability -
Birnbeck House**
Time Flexible

Several of our service users enjoy visiting the pub once a week. We are looking for people to help push their wheelchairs to the pub and assist them with their money buying drinks and crisps.

**Assisting Service Users to Access Local Community - Park, seafront & Shops Leonard
Cheshire Disability - Birnbeck House**
Time Flexible

Enable disabled people to access their local community, shops seafront and park

Awareness Volunteer Leukaemia CARE
Time Flexible

To raise awareness of Leukaemia CARE in local area by delivering our publications, posters etc to GP Surgeries, Libraries, Sport Centre's etc

Badger youth leader St John Ambulance
Mon eve

Ever thought of working with children? You could teach them new skills like how to; save a life, cooking, and many more life skills which will encourage them to make positive differences in their own lives.

On top of the opportunity to meet new friends and have fun, St John Ambulance offers a structured induction with a great training and support package appropriate to your role with the opportunity to train BTEC level.

St John Ambulance has a thriving youth sector which runs Badgers for 5 - 10 year olds who work through a fun, varied programme with the ultimate aim of becoming a Super Badger.

The training we offer includes:
Essential Skills in Youth Work
Leadership skills in Youth Work
First Aid
Working Safely with Young People
Fire Marshalling
and so on...

This all looks great on your CV, gives you hands on experience, new skills and helps make a difference in young peoples lives, giving you a sense of achievement!

You can support children to achieve these challenges one step at a time. It only takes a couple of hours a week and there are loads of other fun activities which you can get involved in throughout the year as well. It depends how much time you want to give!

All members are expected to have an enhanced CRB carried out by St John Ambulance.

**Badger Youth Worker St John Ambulance
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Benefit Support Visitor Vision North Somerset
Time Flexible

Visiting blind and visually impaired people in their home to complete attendance allowance or disability living allowance applications.

Board of Directors seeks new members Kaleido Arts Ltd
Time Flexible

Kaleido Arts Ltd is the disability arts development agency for the South West of England, and seeks new members for its board of directors.

Board of Trustees - Member Voluntary Action North Somerset
Time Flexible

Supporting delivery of high quality services to voluntary and community groups by providing long term planning support and overseeing quality of services provided. Board meetings are held every 6 weeks or at other times by arrangement. Potential board members are invited to apply for co-option or to stand for election at our AGM - full details on request.

Box Clever! Help Us Out Weston Amateur Boxing Club
Tue pm Sun pm

You may become a club official, you may choose to be a ringside judge, or help out at the gym. Setting up, putting away and collecting subscriptions, or any way or form to help promote the club and raise funds, all of the above positions need to be filled, but even just one position would help the forward movement of the club.

Branch Organiser The Guide Dogs for the Blind association
Time Flexible

To act as the key branch contact for Guide Dogs and volunteers in the area, working with other volunteers to arrange fundraising activities. This could be anything from a local collection to arranging a stand at a local event or organising a fundraising event. Our branch organisers also make sure that the branch works within Guide Dog policies and procedures. This is a great opportunity to meet new people and get involved in a range of new activities. You'll be making a real difference by helping Guide Dogs enable blind and partially sighted people to enjoy the same freedom of movement as everyone else.

Branch secretary The Guide Dogs for the Blind association
Time Flexible

To be part of the local fundraising branch, responsible for the administration of branch activities including applications to be at events, arranging collections and thanking supporters for donations. It's a great opportunity to use existing administration skills or to develop skills while meeting a host of new people. Most importantly, by giving just a few hours a week, you'll be helping Guide Dogs enable blind and partially sighted people to enjoy the same freedom of movement as everyone else.

Branch Volunteer The Guide Dogs for the Blind association
Time Flexible

One of our most popular volunteering roles, branch fundraising volunteers join friendly local teams to attend local fundraising events such as street collections, local dog shows, flag days and local community events. Volunteers may be collecting funds, selling merchandise or generally raising awareness of Guide Dogs while raising vital funds to help us enable blind and partially sighted people to enjoy the same freedom of movement as everyone else. The role is completely flexible and can be done as and when the volunteer has time.

Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign Promoters Cancer Research UK
Time Flexible

Cancer Research UK is looking for dedicated volunteers to support our local fundraising staff in raising maximum awareness and funds during our Breast Cancer Awareness campaign.

What will I be doing?

- * Making telephone calls to past BCA supporters
- * Making follow up phone calls to people who have enquired about BCA
- * Helping to produce and send out campaign mailings to supporters
- * Helping local staff to organise a launch event for the BCA campaign
- * Updating our supporter database with information about BCA activities

What support will I be given?

- * A dedicated member of staff in our local office will provide an induction, training and on-going support
- * Expenses can be reimbursed in line with Cancer Research UK's volunteering policy.

What benefits can I expect?

- * The satisfaction of knowing you are making a valuable contribution to Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- * The enjoyment of meeting new people and working as part of a team
- * The opportunity to develop new and existing office, communication and fundraising skills
- * The chance to gain experience of working at one of the UK's leading charities

Breast Cancer Campaigns Ambassador Cancer Research UK

Time Flexible

We are looking for enthusiastic and inspirational people to be part of our Volunteer Speaker Network. Working closely with your local Area Volunteer Manager you will provide information on the work of Cancer Research UK to a broad range of supporters within your local area.

Cafe Helper - Befriender Somewhere for Us

Tue am Sat am

Somewhere For Us is a social cafe providing a safe, warm place for older people to meet for coffee and perhaps lunch.

Our Volunteers will be cafe helpers (not kitchen staff) and will befriend our guests, serve tea, coffee, cakes and at lunch time meals but mostly chatting and reminiscing.

Can You Be A Buddy? Young and Free

Time Flexible

Young & Free is a user and volunteer led Befriending and Social Activities service for young adults with physical disabilities in their teens and twenties, designed to address the problems of social isolation that are frequently experienced when they leave school and college or are unemployed.

The emphasis is on friendship, having fun, gaining new experiences, expanding horizons for both members and volunteers through a range of regular social activities chosen by our members and supported by volunteers. These might include bowling, cinema, theatre, restaurant, day trips, cultural and educational activities and pursuing individual interests.

One to one befriending is an important and enriching part of Young & Free activities. It enables those with disabilities to have more choices, new experiences and furthers the cause of social integration.

Volunteers will have the opportunity to participate, together with the members in the decision making, management and development of the organisation through social committee meetings and through contributing knowledge and skills.

CARE Volunteer Leukaemia CARE

Time Flexible

CARE Volunteers provide emotional support to those affected by Leukaemia, Lymphoma and the allied blood disorders, particularly to those who have contacted our 24hr CARE Line. You will be a listening ear, someone they can open up to in times of need who will help empower them to get through difficult times. Sometimes that support will be provided by telephone; sometimes it may be on a face to face basis in the caller's home or at the hospital. CARE Volunteers also work to raise awareness of Leukaemia CARE and provide information to patients, cares and medical professionals with regard to the services offered by the charity.

Catering Assistants Weston Hospicecare Ltd.
Mon-Fri day

Join our catering team in making sure that meals and refreshments for patients, staff and meetings are prepared and delivered on a timely basis. Adhering to food hygiene regulations this role is a general help to the wide variety of requests that are made to our catering staff.

Challenge Group Cancer Research UK
Wed eve

Cancer Research UK is seeking committee individuals to take on the exciting role of organising a one-off event in aid of Cancer Research UK in their local area. The event itself will be chosen by the group and can range from a black-tie ball, to a luncheon event, fashion show, charity auction, or anything else you can think of and can be held at the venue you choose. All we need from you is your passion for the cause, and a few hours each month to attend planning meetings and help the group to organise the event. The 'Challenge' for the group is to plan and hold the event by December 2010 and raise a minimum of £3000 for Cancer Research UK. By helping to organise a Cancer Research UK '£3000 Challenge' event you will help to increase cancer awareness within your community and raise significant funds for Cancer Research UK's life-saving work to find new and better cures for this disease.

Charitable Collector Leukaemia CARE
Time Flexible

To carry out voluntary charitable collections at various locations throughout the year. To ensure effective communication with fellow voluntary collectors and head Office staff. To raise awareness of Leukaemia CARE's work and services by communicating effectively with the general public.

Charity Coffee Morning Assistant Quakers (Religious Society of Friends)
Sat am

Assist at Charity Coffee Morning. Proceeds for Quaker Peace Work. Other charities invited e.g., Samaritans, Age Concern, Amnesty International, etc. To raise awareness and maybe funds too. Help needed to serve tea/coffee, cakes and some washing up. Dates for this year are as follows: 28th June 2008, 30 August 2008, 25 October 2008 and then resuming in February 2009 alternate months last Saturday.

Club Assistant Vision North Somerset
Thurs pm

To escort visually impaired club members to and from transport and seat them in club, serve teas, cakes etc and assist club members as needed. Accompany members on outings, coach trips etc Must have sense of humour.

Collection Box Coordinator The Guide Dogs for the Blind association

Time Flexible

To support the local community fundraising team by developing relationships with local retailers, shops and other businesses to place Guide Dogs' iconic collection boxes. Collection Box Coordinators keep written records of box locations and empty them every two-three months, banking the income for Guide Dogs. This role also involves seeking out potential new locations for collection boxes.

Dependant upon the area, this role could also involve co-ordinating a number of other volunteers (this would be optional).

Collections Volunteer The West of England MS Therapy Centre Ltd

Time Flexible

We desperately need volunteers to help us with supermarket collections and bag packing exercises throughout the year in North Somerset (the necessary licenses and authorisations are pre-arranged by us). There are generally 2-6 collection dates per month and collectors normally collect in teams of two.

Collectors Needed for British Red Cross Appeal Week in May The British Red Cross

Fri Day Fri eve

We are looking for volunteers who will be able to collect with a bucket outside the Morrisons Store in Weston-super-Mare on Friday 7th May 2010.

We ask that people fill a 2 hour collecting slot: 9am - 11am / 11am - 1pm / 1pm - 3pm / 3pm - 5pm.

Buckets / Tabbards and collector passes will all be provided and at the end of the day we have a volunteer on hand who will collect all buckets and money collected. We will then let the collectors know how much was made and thank them for their help.

Chairs can be provided if standing for long periods presents an issue for collectors.

There is further information about Red Cross Appeal Week and how much money raised helps locally and across the world at; www.redcrossappealweek.org.uk

Committee Member - Weston super Mare CLIC Sargent

Time Flexible

Weston-Super-Mare Branch has active members and is looking for new recruits. The main roles are:-

To help the other members and supporters to raise money by organising or helping at dances; marshalling at events; sponsored rides/walks; table sales etc;

Also to encourage and support other organisations in Weston super Mare who offer to hold fundraising events.

The branch has the charity's full support and assistance as needed.

Committee Members Preanes Green Residents Association
Time Flexible

If you live in the Preanes Green area, are committed to community activity and have drive and enthusiasm then we need you to join our committee to help take our association through the next stage of our development

Communication Support Volunteer The Stroke Association
Mon am

Are you a good listener? We need volunteers to help clients who have communication problems after a stroke at our weekly meeting. we aim to help them communicate in a fun and non challenging atmosphere.

Community Cafe Kitchen Managers and Kitchen Helpers The Purple Sheep Centre
Wed, Thurs, Fri Day

We are seeking three enthusiastic, motivated and energetic kitchen managers/chefs and other part-time kitchen helpers for our all age community café.

You will be part of a small yet fun team which aims to make Weston a better place to live. You will be responsible for preparing basic ranges of hot and cold food and maintaining cleanliness in the kitchen.

Community Care Volunteers - Weston super Mare CSV/RSVP (Retired And Senior Volunteer Programme)
Mon-Fri day

Volunteers aged 50 plus are needed to help and support elderly and housebound people who are without friends or family. Help is needed for occasional errands and befriending. Car owner/drivers are also required for local journeys. Hours to suit volunteer, usually 2-3 per month. This scheme is supported by many health and social care authorities.

Community Care Volunteers - Worle CSV/RSVP (Retired And Senior Volunteer Programme)
Mon-Fri day Mon-Fri eve

Volunteers aged 50 plus are needed to help and support elderly and housebound people who are without friends or family. Help is needed for occasional errands and befriending. Car owners are also required for local journeys. Hours to suit volunteer, usually two to three hours per month. This scheme is supported by many health and social care authorities.

**Community Centre Support The Purple Sheep Centre
Wed, Thurs, Fri Day**

We support many families and individuals throughout the week by the provision of a community cafe and various other groups, including pregnant ladies groups, football training for children, youth groups, community action group which help the elderly and disabled in practical ways. We support people with a range of difficulties; those on low income, single parents, those with learning difficulties, disabled etc.

We need volunteers who could help us in one of many ways; helping in our cafe, helping to keep the facilities clean and well-looked after, helping on community action projects etc. We don't need super-talented people, just people who want to make a positive impact in Weston!

**Community Fundraiser Leukaemia CARE
Time Flexible**

Are you someone who goes that extra mile? Whatever level of responsibility you are looking for, whether it's to fundraise locally, create and organise your own events or co-ordinate community fundraising you can get involved with Leukaemia CARE in activities to suit you. It could be organising big community events, creating and selling merchandise, organising sports events, concerts and music events, weird and wonderful work events, school or college events, family fun, or anything that fires your imagination and creativity! We call them Community Fundraisers, and the opportunity is for you to take your role and turn it into something special. You might enjoy meeting people, organising events, thrill and spills, finding the best in people, listening, or making things. Whatever your talent is Leukaemia CARE can find a place for you.

Depending on type of involvement, tasks could include;

Engaging in local fundraising for the charity, either helping at events, or arranging events of your own!

Selling annual draw tickets, raffle or event tickets, Christmas cards or other merchandise, distributing and co-ordinating Christmas card brochures.

Raise awareness of Leukaemia CARE by distributing posters or promotional material supplied by head office

Recruiting more Community Fundraising Volunteers.

**Cook in Charge Somewhere To Go Ltd
Mon Day Wed am/pm Fri am/pm**

A chance to join a lovely team that provides help for homeless and vulnerable people.

**Course Assistants DIY Community Workshops
Mon-Fri day Mon-Fri eve Sat all day**

Assisting tutor in small group workshops, enabling learner to get the most out of their learning experience.

Creative Have-a-Go's DIY Community Workshops
Mon-Fri day

Do you enjoy making/repairing/refurbishing furniture, painting, arts, crafts and having fun?
Fundraising and making things to sell?

Customer / Retail Advisor British Heart Foundation
Time Flexible

Opportunities within a busy retail environment, activities including customer service, warehouse operation and administration.
Great opportunity to increase experience, gain a valuable reference and receive training

Day Centre Helper Worle Community Association
Tue Day Thurs am/pm Fri am/pm

We are looking for people to come along and have a cuppa and a chat with our clients, perhaps play games such as cards, dominoes, scrabble etc.

The Day Centre is open from 10.30 - 3.30 and has 30 - 40 clients per day. Friday is market day so help putting up/taking down tables would be particularly helpful that day but not essential.
If you have a skill you could share or are able to provide occasional entertainment that would be very welcome.

Dinner Party Hosts The Guide Dogs for the Blind association
Time Flexible

Guide Dogs are seeking dinner party hosts or hostesses. Your event can be large or small, anything goes!

An elegant dinner party, a picnic in the park or a barbeque in the garden, all delicious excuses to try out new recipes and challenge your culinary skills.

It couldn't be easier or more fun, invite your friends and just have a good time whilst raising money for Guide Dogs. Your vital fundraising will help us to change the lives of the visually impaired in your community.

There is no limit to what you could do, from a one off event to several throughout the year. Whatever you're thinking of - go for it for Guide Dogs!

Dog Walk Organisers The Guide Dogs for the Blind association
Time Flexible

Guide Dogs are desperately seeking people to organise sponsored dog walks as part of our brand new Go Walkies fundraising event. It's a dog walk with a difference as it's the dog that gets sponsored not the human! Your event can be large or small, anything goes!

From a leisurely walk in the park, to an all out event with lots of four legged friends any thing is possible.

It couldn't be easier or more fun, invite your friends (and their dogs) and just have a good time whilst raising money for guide dogs. Your vital fundraising will help us to change lives of the visually impaired in your community.

There is no limit to what you could do, from a one off event to several throughout the year. Whatever you're thinking of - go for it for Guide Dogs!

Door Steward/Welcomer Somewhere for Us
Time Flexible

Somewhere For Us is a social cafe providing a safe, warm place for older people to meet for coffee and perhaps lunch.

Our door steward will be aware of our guests accessing by stairs and helping them with the stair lift, but mainly giving a friendly greeting to new arrivals.

Driver/Supporter Penny Brohn Cancer Care
Mon-Fri day Sun day

Enabling people with cancer to access the services of Cancerpoint by driving them to Penny Brohn Cancer Care. You will be working with people with cancer and occasionally their supporters. You can collect people (often from their homes) and bring them to the charity and take them home again after treatment.

Driving Clients To & From Day Centre North Somerset Crossroads
Tue Day Fri am/pm

Pick up clients from their homes (9.30 - 10 am) bring them into day centre - Weston, pick up again from day centre and return home (2.30 -3.30pm).

Electrician DIY Community Workshops
Time Flexible

General testing.

Escort & Companion Brunelcare
Tue-Fri day Weekend day

Taking a Stoke victim for car trips to places of local interest, once a week for 2/3 hours, enabling him to expand his daily activities. (He is currently house bound).

Event Organisers The Guide Dogs for the Blind association
Time Flexible

Guide Dogs are seeking event organisers who would be willing to organise and host their own get together events for guide dogs from fashion shows, swishing parties, dinner parties, open gardens or even dress down (or up!) days in aid of Guide Dogs. Your event can be large or small, anything goes!

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Executive Committee member Vision North Somerset
Mon-Fri day Mon-Fri eve

Volunteer would be required to attend committee meetings (6 per year) and also our AGM. Duties include discussing and voting on policies and issues involving the organisation.

First Aiders St John Ambulance
Time Flexible

St John Ambulance attends 100's of public events from theatre to Rugby, live music and much more each year. We need people who can attend as first aiders, then progress, with full training.

Flexercise Leader Age Concern - Somerset
Mon-Fri day

Promoting health & well-being through physical activity sessions called 'Flexercise' for older people. Fun sessions, build up relationships with older people in sheltered housing, day centres and other places older people meet.

Fun & Adventurous People Needed. Barnardo's North Somerset
Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri eve

Fun and enthusiastic people required to join our groups to support their development and help them enjoy themselves. Groups run once a week from approx 3.30pm, we have different groups requiring volunteer help.

Fundraiser DIAL - Disability Information And Advice Line**Time Flexible**

Fundraiser: to raise funds by writing to companies, trusts and office. Knowledge Admin.

Fundraiser The Samaritans - Weston-Super-Mare Branch**Time Flexible**

This position is for a motivated person to become a fundraiser. We are looking for someone who would be willing to lead a team of support workers and organise various events that will generate funds for the branch. Previous fundraising experience would be helpful but not essential.

Fundraisers Steepholm Shirkers**Time Flexible**

Volunteers to help fundraise (with an established group) and raise awareness of the island. This is a membership based group: membership costs £3 and entitles you to join our social and fundraising events. We fundraise for island projects and new ideas are always welcome. We are a small group and at present raise about £2000p.a. . Fundraising-mainland on various agreed dates.

Fundraising Officer Multiple Sclerosis Society (North Somerset Branch)**Time Flexible**

Our branch provides support and information to people affected by MS in the local area. We are looking for a fundraising officer to work with the branch committee and other volunteers to develop and help implement a branch fundraising plan to support the work of the MS Society at regional and national levels. The responsibilities are to:-

- * work with others to develop and agree an annual fundraising plan with the branch committee and branch members, to ensure that the branch fulfils the fundraising section of the Core Branch Activities.
- * operate a fundraising sub-committee where necessary, to plan and arrange support for fundraising events (liaison with the Chair and other committee members).
- * co-ordinate volunteer help in relation to fundraising activities (liaison with volunteer co-ordinator).
- * ensure that fundraising materials are available to those people wishing to raise money for the MS Society.
- * ensure that appropriate licences, permits, insurance cover etc. is in place for fundraising events.
- * keep up to date with guidance and information on national fundraising initiatives, from the MS National Centre, and inform the committee, as appropriate.
- * liaise with the MS Society's corporate fundraising team concerning applications to companies or trusts.
- * maintain contact with the region and other branches with regard to regional fundraising projects.
- * provide support and advice to the general public who wish to raise funds for the branch.
- * work with the treasurer to ensure that all funds raised are counted and banked quickly and safely.

Gardener Weston Hospicecare Ltd.
Time Flexible

General maintenance of existing gardens and helping with planting, lawn cutting etc. Volunteer should be able to work on their own initiative and have some knowledge and practical experience of gardening.

Girl Guide Helper Girl Guiding Uk-Weston-Super Mare
Mon-Fri eve

Rainbows 5-7yrs, Brownies 7-10 yrs, Guides 10-15 yrs. Activities include, crafts, singing, games, working on a guiding programme with approved books in small groups. Working with girls in the above age groups for 1-2hrs per week

Group Helper The Notable Club
Thurs Day

Volunteers will be required to:-

- * Help disabled people to leave the premises in the event of a fire.
 - * Put up tables and chairs
 - * Escort members from minibus on arrival, pushing wheelchairs and aiding those who need help walking
 - * Make and serve hot drinks
 - * Make and serve soup and rolls
 - * Clear tables and wash up
 - * Push wheelchairs and help on outings
 - * Occasionally volunteers may be asked to assist members in the toilet
- All volunteers will have a months trial period and progress will then be reviewed.

Groups Information Worker Voluntary Action North Somerset
Mon-Thurs day

The information worker will work as a member of a small team providing information and admin support to voluntary and community groups.
The volunteer will be provided with training and support.

This vacancy is available to volunteers with physical disabilities and is based in an accessible building in Weston-super-Mare

Hangar Maintainer Helicopter Museum
Wed, Thurs Day Weekend day

Hangar Maintenance- helicopter polishing, looking after the aircraft on display. Dusting, checking tyre pressure etc. Preferable at least one half-day weekly (Weds or weekends). This is usually a Summer vacancy as the hangar is very cold during the winter. The role can be a solitary one, please note that you will be working on your own unless you come with a friend.

Health Walks Leader North Somerset Council Community Involvement Office
Time Flexible

We are looking for people with a passion for the outdoors to assist in leading health walks an enjoyable and sociable means of exercising. The scheme is up and running in Clevedon, Nailsea, Portishead, Weston, Winscombe and Yatton areas and interested parties are invited to attend a leader's course to further develop walks across North Somerset. Individuals that some to walk will have done little exercise and some have minor medical conditions. This is a great opportunity to lead friendly community groups.

Helpline volunteer First Steps to Freedom
Time Flexible

Working from home manning the helpline for a national mental health charity. Volunteers listen to callers and offer empathy and encouragement through their problems. Four hours required from each volunteer per week. This is a varied and interesting position, full training given.

Home Befriender Volunteer The Stroke Association
Time Flexible

The Stroke Association strives for a world where there are fewer strokes and all those touched by stroke get the support they need. A Home Befriending Volunteer would provide support to clients in order that they can access activities they enjoy once discharged home from hospital in accordance with individual requirements, to help stimulate and motivate the client. The role is normally supported by a Family Carer Support Coordinator (FCSC).

The role entails:

- * Spending time with clients in accordance with their individual needs and abilities. These takes may include, supporting the client in order that they can access activities or groups the patient enjoys and providing support, promoting independence and/or involvement in the activities of daily living e.g. shopping, light housework etc
- *Spend time on a one to one basis with patients talking, listening and sharing personal experiences and knowledge
- *Provide support and understanding to stroke patients to reduce anxiety, improve morale and increase confidence
- *Signposting to local services/support that otherwise may not be accessed
- *To undertake any other activities as directed by the FCSC
- *To present a positive image of The Stroke Association and its work at all times
- *To undertake appropriate training as the role requires
- *To undertake any other duties as required by the relevant staff member
- *To treat others with respect in accordance with The Stroke Association's Equal Opportunities guidelines
- *To observe The Stroke Association's Confidentiality Policy
- *To have an empathy and understanding of stroke The Stroke Association's mission and objectives

Home Visitor Vision North Somerset
Time Flexible

The volunteer would regularly visit a visually impaired person in their home for a chat. Peoples requirements vary but other requirements may include helping to read mail, going for a walk, occasional trips out etc. Time Flexible.

Hospital Information Service Volunteers Vision North Somerset
Mon-Fri day

Offer support and guidance to people visiting the eye clinic at Weston Hospital. Demonstrate aids and equipment, give information on a range of issues relating to visual impairment. Volunteers are supported by the Information services co-ordinator and hospital staff. 4 hours per week, flexible within clinic times. N.B. Phones manned Mon-Fri 10am - 1pm.

Hosts Host UK
Fri eve All Weekend

Host's volunteer hosts invite an international student to visit for a day or weekend or over Christmas, Easter or New Year. The student will be studying in the UK at University or College and will be over 18 years old. They stay as guests in the home for a short period.

The hosts and the students are 'matched' based on mutual interests by the local Regional Organiser who gives full support. Hosts can invite students occasionally; for instance just at Christmas, or frequently to suit their lifestyles. Hosts can ask to be matched with students from places that interest them or have a range of students from many lands. Hosts can opt to have a single visitor or friends travelling together or couples or families, to suit them.

There is no expectation that hosts will act as 'tour guides', but students often appreciate the chance to see something of the areas or go to local events such as village fetes.

We find that the matching system works very well and hosts and their guests have lots to talk about and many times, long-term friendships are formed.

We pay small expenses towards the visits.

Independent Custody Visitor Avon and Somerset Police Authority Custody Visiting Scheme
Time Flexible

Avon and Somerset Police Authority are seeking willing, enthusiastic volunteers to join its Independent Custody Visiting Scheme.

Custody visiting is the well established system whereby volunteers attend police stations to check on the treatment of detainees and the conditions in which they are held. Visitors observe the custody environment and speak with detainees to determine that their rights and entitlements are being observed. Visits are undertaken by pairs of visitors who complete a report for each visit, highlighting any action to be taken by the custody team or for referral to the Police Authority.

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Avon and Somerset's Custody Visiting Scheme is one of the largest in the country, covering 10 designated and 9 non-designated custody suites across the force area. The scheme runs 9 visiting panels that support over 90 volunteers to undertake their duties as Independent Custody Visitors.

Each visitor is supported locally by a Panel Coordinator and has regular contact with representatives from the Police Authority Office and Members of the Police Authority. Full induction and further training is provided and all visits are undertaken by pairs of Custody Visits.

This is an important and vital area of work as it offers protections to both detainees and the police and offers reassurance to the communities of Avon and Somerset. Custody Visitors perform an essential function and their commitment and good work is essential for the maintenance of the Scheme.

Your Custody Visiting Scheme needs YOU! Please contact us today to get involved.

Information Assistant The Guide Dogs for the Blind association

Time Flexible

Are you passionate about the value of Guide Dogs and how it can transform lives? Well, now you can help enthusiastic volunteers to help get vital information to the Guide Dogs owners of the future.

Guide Dogs is committed to increasing the number of people who are referred to us and the number of new guide dogs partnerships. To achieve this, we have appointed a number of professional Information Officers. Their aim is to promote Guide Dogs services by building partnerships with key organisations, working with a range of media and creating links with the local community.

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers, with good spoken communication skills, to work alongside the Information Officers. At the core of the role will be the distribution of leaflets and posters within the local community. This may involve visiting existing distribution points and identifying new ones. There may also be an opportunity to attend local events on behalf of Guide Dogs or work with the media help explain our services and dispel some of the myths

Island Workers Steepholm Shirkers

Time Flexible

To work on the island, clearing paths and so on, and working on archaeological sites. First time volunteers first visit the island (fee £25) to see if they feel able to join the group - no work is necessary on the first trip. If they then come across to work the first few trips attract the full fee - after a period of acceptance there is a reduction of £1 in the fare. Also: working in the small shop/cafe - work as directed by warden on advertised trips to island, going over on public trips as space allows. It is normal to join the trust to become fully involved. From April to early October - approximately weekly sailing.

Can also work on the mainland in a fundraising capacity.

Join us - the human right thing to do Amnesty International - Weston Group
Time Flexible

Enthusiastic members required for all aspects of running a local campaigning and fundraising group. This year our campaigns are concerned with Stopping Violence Against Women and getting all nations more keen to Control the Arms Trade. We hold meetings on the second Wednesday of every month at 7.30 p.m. plus flexible time at home. We particularly need people to write campaigning letters - we provide you with details of the appeal cases and a list of appropriate addresses e.g Presidents of countries. Whilst we encourage our volunteers to write the letters in their own words we do give you details to quote regarding which UN covenants are being breached.

Junior Youth Club Volunteers Barnardos
Fri pm

Do you believe in children?
Barnardo's North Somerset are looking to build a team of enthusiastic and dedicated individuals to get involved in and help the development of new Junior Youth Club. Everyone is welcome, all we ask is that you're willing to learn and help children in Weston-super-Mare.

Keen & Enthusiatic Gardener Required Leonard Cheshire Disability - Birnbeck House
Time Flexible

Keen and enthusiastic gardener required, preferably with an interest in growing Fruit and Vegetables. Assisting people with learning difficulties to grow and maintain the gardens

Kitchen Assistant Helicopter Museum
Wed, Thurs, Fri Day Weekend day

Helping in the Kitchen/ Cafeteria. Working with friendly team, mostly clearing tables and washing up. Should be clean and tidy in appearance. Preferably to cover the lunch period. Please note that during december and january the vacancy is only at weekends as the museum is much quieter.

Listening / Befriending Volunteer The Samaritans - Weston-Super-Mare Branch
Time Flexible

To listen on telephone, communicate by email, and occasionally face to face in the centre. A Samaritans volunteer needs to be caring and non-judgemental, able to listen without giving advice, and to put their own beliefs and opinions to one side. Full training given.

Local Representative Lattitude

Mon-Fri day Mon-Fri eve

We provide opportunities for young people to make a real difference to the communities in which they volunteer and to develop confidence, independence, responsibility and a greater sense of global citizenship in the fields of education, health, community or the environment.

More than 260 volunteer members of staff provide a vital service in supporting and delivering our programme worldwide.

Principal Tasks and Responsibilities:

1. Provide support to Lattitude volunteers and host organisations during the placement
2. Provide support to the Programme Manager and Lattitude office
3. Manage the host relationships with or without a volunteer in post at a given time.

Key Responsibilities (all Local Representatives)

1. Provide support to Lattitude Global Volunteering volunteers during their placement, and the host organisation:

Act as the first Lattitude Global Volunteering point of contact for the host organisation

Check on Lattitude volunteers welfare and provide pastoral care during their placement

Visit Lattitude volunteers between 4-8 weeks after arrival and 2-4 weeks before departure from the placement.

Act as a link between the host organisation, Programme Manager and Programme Coordinator if there is an emergency

'Making a difference - changing lives'

Licensed Trade Charity

Mon-Fri day Mon-Fri eve

Volunteers needed to be the face of the charity

To assist the Licensed Trade Support & Care (LTSC) department by providing a sympathetic ear and welfare support for the Young, Sick, Elderly and those in need of help and advice.

- * To be the face of the charity, and visit those already receiving help as well as new applicants
- * During visits, to undertake assessment of the person's circumstances e.g. their state of health
- * To check what state benefits, if any are being received
- *To see how the charity might help
- *To provide a friendly, listening ear
- *To compile a report following each visit

Member of project team West of England Nightstop

Time Flexible

North Somerset Nightstop needs volunteer hosts to provide a safe place to stay for vulnerable young people, aged 16-25, with no-where to go. Volunteer hosts are people from all backgrounds with an occasional spare room who can offer a safe, non-judgemental space in their home for the night.

The project also needs volunteer drivers to take the young person to the host's home. There are various other volunteering roles including telephone support people which will be working from home, and volunteers to help with admin duties, fundraising and publicity.

Mentoring Support For Students Aged 15 To 16 Years - Weston College Education Other Than At School (E.O.T.A.S)
Mon-Fri day

Assisting professional staff by offering Befriending, Mentoring, and other supporting services to students who have had difficulties maintaining a place in mainstream schools for a whole host of reasons. Work takes place in the centre or as an outside activity. Term time only. The pupils are at the end of keystage 4 i.e. age 16. Work can entail vocational courses. Pupils usually work in groups of 3-4, occasionally there is 1 to 1 tuition.

Mentoring Support For Students Aged 8 To 16 Years Weston Super Mare Area Education Other Than At School (E.O.T.A.S)
Mon-Fri day

Assisting professional staff by offering befriending, Mentoring and other supporting services to students who have had difficulties maintaining a place in mainstream schools, for a whole host of reasons - emotional, behavioural, medical etc. This could be in a centre, in an outside activity. Term time only. Pupils usually work in groups of 5 or 6 and there is occasionally 1 to 1. At Uphill the pupils are usually key stage 4 i.e. age 14-16. At Worle the pupils are key stage 2 or 3 i.e. age 9 - 13

Minibus Driver Weston and District Community Transport Group
Time Flexible

Volunteer driving of accessible minibuses helping our clients with trips to shops, doctors etc and excursions.

MS Support Volunteer Multiple Sclerosis Society (North Somerset Branch)
Time Flexible

MS Support Teams aim to empower people affected by MS through giving information about MS, emotional support and facilitating access to available services and support. The team is co-ordinated by the Lead Support Volunteer.

Working alongside the support lead and another support volunteer you would ensure that the branch provides quality support to local people affected by MS. The role of the support team includes:
* ensuring that effective communication about support work takes place with the branch committee, for instance by attending branch committee meetings liaising with the branch chair and making reports.

* ensuring that the MS support work undertaken meets the needs of the branch, in particular complying with the Branch Essentials.

* developing collaborative relationships with health and social care professionals (particularly MS specialists) and ensure that the work of the branch links with them

* having a basic knowledge of benefits and refer people on appropriately

* receiving and distribute MS Society information booklets as necessary

* maintaining an up-to-date list of relevant local services for people affected by MS, and distribute it to other members of the team and through the branch newsletter

* ensuring that grants are dealt with effectively

* communicating effectively with other members of the team, and link the work of the support team with the branch

Museum Volunteer Museums in Somerset**Time Flexible**

The organisations the Museums in Somerset group represents cover a diverse range of time periods, geographical areas and activities throughout Somerset.

We have a range of roles in every museum, from the public front-of-house roles, to those of curators, cataloguers, conservators and tour guides. So if you have an interest in history or heritage, or just want to meet more people in your local area, why not volunteer?

No Pay, No Pension, Lots of Tea/Coffee Learn New Skills Weston-super-Mare Arts Festival**Time Flexible**

If you are interest in the Arts, then the Festival needs you. No pay, no pension, but the opportunity to meet new people, contribute your skills, maybe learn new ones. Help to get this show on the road. Festival period is September/October.

Oxjam Music Event Organisers Oxfam GB**Time Flexible**

You love music. So do we. We're looking for pro-active volunteer Music Event Organisers to take part in Oxjam Music Festival

Oxjam is a music festival with a difference. Across the UK, we need people like you to put on a local gig, concert, busk - or anything in between - all to raise money for Oxfam.

From classical to club nights, folk to funk - you just have to have the drive to make it happen this October.

Ed and the rise of the Oxjam team will support you all the way, with face-to-face training and phone support.

For you it means gaining valuable experience, meeting new people and getting more involved in your local music scene.

For us it means the world. The money you raise goes towards our work to end poverty.

For more information, visit www.oxfam.org.uk/oxjam

Pink elephant hunters Vision North Somerset**Time Flexible**

Volunteers are needed to collect and change over our pink elephant collection boxes in various parts of North Somerset. This can be done at times to suit the volunteer and should only take a few hours every 3 months. It is an opportunity to meet new people and our established collectors very much enjoy their roles. It would be useful if volunteers are also able to find new venues for us.

Public Speaker Royal National Institute of the Blind (RNIB)

Time Flexible

Be our ambassador! Make a difference in your local community by talking to a variety of audiences. By raising awareness of our services and products you are helping us rebuild the lives of blind and partially sighted people.

Did you know that our public speakers have reached over 8,000 people in the South West region who have gone on to donate or volunteer with us. Imagine how many people we could reach if you joined our team.

What will I be doing?

- * Talking to different groups and media within the community to generate awareness of our work and our need for support
- * Create interest amongst local groups and arrange talks
- * Build up a profile of useful contacts
- * Support and promote our campaigns

What will I gain from the role?

- * Personal satisfaction from helping visually impaired adults and children
- * Learn new skills
- * Meet new people within the community
- * Opportunity to work as part of a team
- * Meet like minded people at team meetings

Regional Event Coordinator Multiple Sclerosis Society (North Somerset Branch)

Time Flexible

The region's role is to support and help to develop the work of MS Society branches through training, forums and advice, to promote the work of the MS Society through a regional website and hold information events for people affected by MS. In the Wessex and West region we run a range of events throughout the year, from activity days through to conferences. The event coordinator's role is to:

- * Source venues for regional events ensuring that they are fully accessible and meet the requirements of the event
- * Book venues in liaison with the regional committee once dates are confirmed for regional events
- * Attend working groups for different events and carry out any actions from these meetings
- * Send out letters and booking forms as appropriate and collate booking information
- * Book speakers identified by the regional committee and ensure that their requirements are met, e.g. power point
- * Ensure venue appropriately set up on the day of the event
- * Coordinate activities during the event, delegating appropriate tasks to other members of the regional committee
- * Prepare materials as appropriate prior to the event in liaison with the LSDO and regional committee, e.g. evaluation forms, handouts
- * Produce an evaluation report after each event using information from the event evaluation forms and report back
- * Send thank you letters to guest speakers

Safe and Secure Volunteer Technician Age Concern - Somerset**Time Flexible**

If you have practical DIY skills and the sensitivity and understanding necessary for our clients, then we would like to hear from you. Our volunteers are offered ongoing training and support, volunteers also receive expenses. Some examples of tasks required are, fitting draught excluders, fixing loose banisters, fitting key safes, locks and door chains.

School governors needed in schools near you! School Governors One-Stop Shop North**Somerset****Time Flexible**

School Governance is an exciting and unique way to become involved in the local community. As a member of a governing team you'll meet interesting new people, develop your skills, widen your experiences and ultimately influence the education of thousands of children. No specific skills are required to volunteer you just need enthusiasm, life experience and a desire to make a difference. The governors role is to work in a team and act as 'close friends' to the head teacher whilst making important decisions and helping with the overall management of schools.

Secretary Multiple Sclerosis Society (North Somerset Branch)**Time Flexible**

Our branch provides support and information to people affected by MS in the local area. We are looking for a secretary to ensure communication within the branch, and between the branch and other organisations and individuals. The responsibilities are to:

- * deal with correspondence on behalf of the branch
- * answer general enquiries and take appropriate action
- * organise communication within the branch and committee
- * make arrangements for committee meetings, including the preparation and distribution of agendas (liaise with Chair)
- * take note of branch members' ideas as they arise and make sure they are brought forward to the next agenda
- * ensure the availability of any necessary documents or background information for meetings
- * take minutes at committee meetings and AGM and ensure members or other interested parties are informed of major decisions
- * inform all members of date and arrangements for the AGM, and send AGM minutes to MS National Centre
- * be aware of commitments at branch, regional and national level and ensure timely steps are taken to meet these
- * keep records of membership and inform MS National Centre of changes
- * ensure a smooth handover of office to successor

Shop Assistants Weston Hospicecare Ltd.**Mon-Fri day Sat am**

Our valued shop assistants help sort, select, display and sell a wide variety of goods. Whether you would like to be a part of a successful team or gain retail experience, this is an opportunity to help in one of our eight shops in the community. Profits go to help provide local people with our free services. We have shops at: Baker Street, Devonshire Road, Milton Road, Waterloo Street, Whitecross Road, in Weston super Mare and at Winscombe and Worle.

'Sooty' Charity Box Home finder Royal National Institute of the Blind (RNIB)**Time Flexible**

Find a home for Sooty and make a difference in your local community, by giving our iconic Sooty collection box the best spot in the house.

Did you know that £700,000 was raised from loose change last year? This helped 1.6million talking books to be delivered to 40,000 blind and partially sighted people and over 2,000 new books to be transcribed to our library.

Using our database you will identify locations for Sooty collection boxes.

You will visit new locations, talk to the shop owners, managers and landlords etc to negotiate the best spot in the house for Sooty.

You will need to accurately record details of new locations and feedback to the community fundraising manager (CFM)

You will also regularly review our database for potential new locations.

Sort It Or Sell PDSA: People's Dispensary For Sick Animals**Mon Day Tue pm Wed pm Thurs am/pm Fri pm Sat pm, Sun am/pm**

Are you keen to start a career in retail? Do you want full training in a fun and friendly environment? Our busy shop needs enthusiastic people to assist in all areas from sorting to selling and to help raise money for pets in need of vets.

Sports / Fitness Enthusiast Needed Leonard Cheshire Disability - Birnbeck House**Time Flexible**

We are looking for keen Sports / Fitness enthusiasts to work with two service users who enjoy sports and fitness activities

Static Box Collector The Stroke Association**Time Flexible**

We are looking for volunteers who can give a few hours of their time each month to place static collection boxes at locations within their communities and to visit the site regularly or whenever asked to collect full boxes. Boxes can be places such as local shops, pubs, cafes, leisure centres and social clubs.

Street and Store Collector Royal National Institute of the Blind (RNIB)**Time Flexible**

Make a difference in your local community by joining our successful team of dedicated fundraising volunteers. Be part of our team of volunteers collecting regularly at local supermarkets and shopping centre's throughout the year.

Did you know that £100,000 was raised from loose change last year from street and store collections? This year we are on target to reach £150,000, imagine how much more we could raise with your help. Every £410 we raise can pay for someone newly diagnosed as blind or partially sighted to attend a confidence boosting 'Finding your Feet' weekend Cont...

Due to insurance requirements, you must be aged 18 or over to do this role.

What will I be doing?

- * Working with our fundraising volunteers you will collect money from local shoppers
- * Record and bank income

What will I gain from the role?

- * Secure in the knowledge that you will be making a difference to the lives of blind and partially sighted adults and children in your local area
- * The opportunity to meet new people and to be part of a successful, outgoing and fun team wanting to make a difference in their community
- * Learn new and utilise existing skills for the benefit of others

Street Safe Bus Volunteer Team Member Community Safety & Drug Action Team
Fri eve Sat eve

You will be part of a team working alongside healthcare professionals on our specially adapted bus. Volunteers are there to help people seeking help or who are brought to the bus for help. If you can cope with people in need and night time work, join us! The hours of work are 9pm to 3 am.

Summer Play Scheme Volunteers Barnardos
Mon-Fri day Sat day

Do you believe in children?

Barnardo's in North Somerset are looking to build up a team of enthusiastic and dedicated individuals to play with children in our play schemes. Everyone is welcome, all we ask is that you are willing to learn and help children in Weston-Super-Mare.

Supermarket Collection Volunteer Penny Brohn Cancer Care
Time Flexible

To increase donations to the Charity through organised collections at supermarkets throughout Bristol. Make new friends or work with friends and family to make a difference.

Main duties:-

- * Stand in designated collection area (usually supermarket foyer), holding a collection bucket or tin.
- * The purpose of this role is to gain donations from the public and be able to talk confidently about the work of the charity if questioned
- * It is not usually appropriate to approach the public, so we would only speak to people who approach us or ask about our work
- * This role may also require reporting to customer services at the beginning of the collection

Supermarket Sweep Royal National Institute of the Blind (RNIB)

Time Flexible

Come and make a difference in your local community helping us in various fundraising activities near you!

We have something for everyone, got a couple of hours spare every once in a while, or are you looking to get involved on a more regular basis? Then read on!

Did you know that £100,000 was raised from loose change last year from street and store collections? This year we are on target to reach £150,000, imagine how much more we could raise with your help. Every £410 we raise can pay for someone who has been told they are losing their sight attend a much needed confidence and skills building weekend, helping them to cope and giving them the skills to live life as independently as possible.

What will I be doing?

A variety of activities suited to you, for example (though not limited to);

Help collect money from donations made by the public at supermarkets near you

Coordinating the fundraising effort to gain maximum support for people with sight loss

What will I gain from this role?

The knowledge that you will be making a difference to the lives of blind and partially sighted adults and children in your local area.

The opportunity to meet new people and to be part of a successful, outgoing and fun team wanting to make a difference in their community

Learn new skills and engage your existing ones to help others

Support Group Volunteer Somerset Cancer Care

Tue am

C.A.F.E. (Cancer Aid for Everyone) - Somerset Cancer Care runs five Cafés across Somerset at venues in: Minehead, Taunton, Wells, Weston-Super-Mare and Yeovil. These are weekly informal drop-in centres where anyone affected by cancer can be sure of a warm welcome, refreshments and support in a group environment. Whether patient, carer, family member or a friend, benefit can be gained from sharing experiences with others in similar circumstances. Highly trained volunteers run the CAFEs and provide specialist support and information about other local services available. Our professional volunteer therapists also offer free complimentary therapies to help release mental, emotional and physical stress through a number of non-invasive therapies.

Each CAFE is run by a CAFE co-coordinator. Our volunteers welcome clients (new and returning), make and serve teas and coffees and sit and chat with the group or an individual, listening to their cancer experiences. The Co-coordinator or more experienced volunteers offer visualization / relaxation session, and will facilitate the group to ensure that all clients have the opportunity to contribute and benefit from the support available. Volunteers also support our clients by providing information about local services and help in any way they can. We do not encourage our volunteers to make contact with clients outside of the CAFE environment. Should clients need support from home we have a telephone support group available.

Support people with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder National Autistic Society
Time Flexible

Can you bring a skill and enthusiasm to enable people with an autistic spectrum disorder and their families to have fun. We offer social and leisure groups in craft, woodcraft, walking, games / activities and internet cafe. Meet new and interesting people learn new skills and enable others to do the same.

Support Worker Weston super Mare Contact Centre
Sat day

Child Contact Centres provide a safe neutral venue where children can meet an absent parent and spend time with them. Hopefully, it can lead to both parties being able to reach some sort of agreement for contact to take place outside the centre. Volunteers are there to ensure safe and enjoyable contact and give help where necessary.

Because the demand for the service has increased recently, we need more men and women volunteers who are able to spare a few hours one Saturday a month. We provide training and travel expenses and our present volunteers find the work interesting and enjoyable.

Team Mate Over The Wall
Time Flexible

Campers experience a variety of activities during the day such as drama , arts and crafts, technology, swimming, sports & games, horse riding and others. The evening activities include adult talent night (or talent-less night as has been renamed!!) , disco night, the opportunity to camp-out for one night and enjoy songs around the campfire and toasted marshmallows, and the spectacular Camper Talent Night!!

It is the Volunteer Team at camp who enable our Campers. They give lots of positive encouragement and support to the campers and treat them as 'special', not because they, or their sibling, have been ill, but because they are children and young people, each with their own unique gifts and talents.

The volunteers foster a strong sense of team spirit amongst each of the campers in their care. In this way, the campers feel that they belong and are included, whilst feeling positive about their own individuality.

Medical care at camp is provided by a team of volunteer Doctors and Nurses.

Toe Nail Cutting Volunteer Age Concern - Somerset
Time Flexible

If you are interested in feet or have a caring or nursing background then we would like to hear from you as the Toe Nail Cutting Service is valuable to clients who are unable to cut or manage their own nails. Cut toe nails can reduce the risk of falls.

Together Service Volunteer Age Concern - Somerset
Time Flexible

Do you have:-

- * 1 or more hours spare per week
- * an empathy with people over 60 who are lonely or isolated
- * the desire to improve the quality of someone else's life.

Would you like:-

- * an opportunity to meet others
- * training, support and a chance to develop new skills
- * to be involved with a large national & local charity working with older people

Tool Refurbisher Tools for Self Reliance
Wed pm

Our volunteers help by cleaning, repairing and refurbishing donated tools.

'Top Cat' to lead our team of Volunteer Kitchen Helpers Somewhere To Go Ltd
Mon Day Wed am/pm Fri am/pm

This position is a chance to use your cooking skills and be part of a busy, fun loving team who provide lunch for homeless and vulnerable adults.

Tour Guide Helicopter Museum
Wed, Thurs, Fri Day Wed-Fri eve All Weekend

Knowledgeable enthusiasts wanted to talk to visitors and conduct group tours. Mainly weekends. School visit and classroom help also required.

Trustee/Treasurer Brigstowe Project
Wed eve

Treasurer required to join our Board of Trustees to help us through an exciting period of growth.

The Brigstowe Project, a small HIV charity based in Bristol, requires an experienced financial manager to support our strategic planning and oversee our fiscal governance.

If you are confident and proactive when it comes to finance, and want to use your skills to improve the quality of life for people with HIV, get in touch. You don't need specific experience with HIV to apply, but a commitment to our strategic goals and organisational values is essential.

This will involve liaising with the Project Manager, Co-Trustees, Administrators and Bookkeeper, providing the Trustee Board with regular information, and attending monthly committee meetings and finance sub-group meetings.

Trustees Home-Start North Somerset
Time Flexible

Home-Start North Somerset are always looking for Trustees and Advisors to assist and develop the services of Home-Start North Somerset. This is a worthwhile and rewarding volunteer role offering your skills to an existing valuable team. There is a commitment to attending meetings contributing to Home-Start's successful reputation.

Volunteer Holly Hedge Animal Sanctuary
Time Flexible

Holly Hedge is dedicated to the care and welfare of unwanted and abandoned animals. We are desperate for committed volunteers to help with fund-raising, gardening, painting and general help with our rescued animals. If you can help us make a difference for the better please contact us!

Volunteer Advisor Voluntary Action North Somerset
Mon-Thurs day

Our Volunteer Advisors see people on a one to one basis to help them choose suitable volunteering vacancies, then follow up with each person to find out if they have taken up a vacancy and how they are getting on

Volunteer Ambulance Person Wessex Ambulance Services
Mon Day Mon eve All Weekend

To provide the community with First Aid and Ambulance skills. Our volunteers are required to drive the ambulance to various community events and administer first aid if and when needed

Volunteer Befriender Somewhere To Go Ltd
Mon Day Wed am/pm Fri am/pm

Working with homeless people in a committed and happy team. Befriending/listening/building appropriate relationships. Giving advice. Appropriate training will be given. Playing board games/cards. Befrienders have the opportunity to do activities that they are interested in, for example they may have an arts or craft skill that they want to show others.

There are usually 70-80 clients in during the day. Ideally we like people to be available for 4 hours on one of the days we open (mon, wed or fri)

Volunteer Chaplain/General Volunteer Chaplaincy About Town
Mon-Fri day Sat day

Are you a Christian who feels called to pastoral work or helping the pioneering Chaplaincy About Town in Weston-super-Mare?

You could become a voluntary chaplain befriending, listening non-judgementally, praying and directing those in need to an appropriate local agency or church if they so wish or be a general volunteer. Doing less intensive one to one work. Acting as a receptionist/sales assistant or office assistant at our 67 Meadow Street base which incorporates a small tradecraft and bookshop or do a mixture of duties to suit your talents in this developing project.

Volunteer coordinator Macmillan Cancer Support
Time Flexible

We need an enthusiastic and motivated individual to establish and support an unrivalled network of Macmillan community fundraising volunteers.

You will be involved in recruiting volunteers in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire. Crucially you will brief them on their role and meet with them regularly to motivate them and assist them in their work. You will coordinate annual collections in the area as well as issue up to date fundraising materials and information. As a Macmillan representative you will also attend local volunteers events and maintain accurate volunteer records.

Ideally you will have the ability to network, be sociable, self-confident, approachable and a good communicator. It is essential that you are reliable and honest and have strong organisational skills. A good knowledge of the local community is desirable, but not essential. The ability to work independently, but with guidance and support from the fund raising team, is crucial as is a clear and polite telephone manner. Computer experience desirable and an interest in cancer care and the services that Macmillan provide would be beneficial.

The benefits of this role to you are meeting and working with new enthusiastic people across the community. You will also have the opportunity to go to the local events. You will learn new skills whilst having fun, add to your CV and there is the potential for you to get more involved with Macmillan in the areas that interest you.

Volunteer Coordinator Royal National Institute of the Blind (RNIB)
Time Flexible

You will be willing to travel and make a positive difference for people by performance managing a volunteer team. This position means; to recruit, induct, support, monitor and motivate individuals/groups; and provide a communication channel between the staff and volunteers. Also to identify training needs, maintain records and equip new volunteers to be effective. Home based, full training is provided.

Volunteer Co-ordinator - Kathleen Chambers House Royal National Institute of the Blind (RNIB)
Time Flexible

Make a difference in your local community, by supporting and expanding our already successful small team of dedicated volunteers. Be creative and use your social networking skills to investigate and create new events and activities for our clients. As well as recruiting new volunteers to help ensure the smooth running and deliverance of these activities.

An enhanced CRB will be required for this opportunity.

What will I be doing?

- * Working alongside your care home manager you will be the first point of contact to support your local volunteering team
- * Supervising and planning workload of existing and new volunteers
- * Carrying out regular reviews for volunteers
- * Updating to our National Volunteering database (Training will be provided)
- * Design, develop and deliver an action plan for your area with your care home manager including recruiting, inducting, training and motivating volunteers Cont...

* Investigating new events and activities to the benefit of our adult blind and partially sighted clients

Hours will be negotiated with the care home manager. The days and times are flexible to suit you and can be weekdays, evenings or weekends.

Volunteer Coordinator (Fundraising) Royal National Institute of the Blind (RNIB)

Time Flexible

Make a difference in your local community, by supporting and expanding our already successful team of dedicated fundraising volunteers.

Did you know that £700,000 was raised from loose change last year? This helped produce 14,000 titles for talking books, facilitate weekly telephone befriending social groups for blind and partially sighted people and fund our campaigns which recently enabled, 1,500 campaigners lobby parliament.

Working alongside your local community fundraising manager (CFM) you will be the first point of contact to support your local volunteering team.

You will design, develop and deliver an action plan for your area with your CFM including recruiting, inducting, training and motivating volunteers.

You will investigate new venues for Sooty and future opportunities for community fundraising.

Due to insurance requirements you must be aged 18 or over to do this role.

We would like you to volunteer for roughly 8 days each month. The days and times are flexible to suit you and can be weekdays, evenings or weekends

Volunteer Driver The Guide Dogs for the Blind association

Time Flexible

Driving is a crucial service provided by Guide Dogs volunteers across the country. We require drivers for a number of things: dogs and puppies often need to be transported short or long distances, for instance, from our Breeding Centre in Warwickshire to the homes of puppy walkers; also guide dog owners sometimes require a driver to take them to Guide Dog events. Similarly, we need people to transport our equipment to events and collect our stamp boxes and collection boxes.

Volunteer Drivers The Stroke Association

Mon-Wed am

Volunteer Drivers are needed to drive stroke sufferers with varying degrees of disability mainly to and from stroke groups and occasionally to other appointments, or to day centres or exercise groups.

Many clients are isolated and quite lonely and this will assist them in having some social contact and in getting back into the community.

Volunteer in thriving Horticultural Society Gardening Shop Weston Super Mare Horticultural Society
Sat, Sun am

Do you have a keen interest in gardening and would like to meet other gardeners? Then Weston-Super-Mare Horticultural Society is the place for you!
We are a friendly, thriving community of gardeners and have vacancies for assistants in our trading shop selling everything from canes to compost.

Saturday or Sunday Mornings 9:30am - 12:30pm

Volunteer Retail Assistants Weston Hospicecare Ltd.
Mon-Fri day Sun day

Weston Hospicecare needs Volunteer Retail Assistants in our new shops in Worle and Weston-super-Mare. This role would entail the sorting of clothes, displaying items, working behind the till while providing a good customer service to the general public. Our shops support the important palliative care service provided to patients and their families, and the volunteers help to make our shops successful.

By joining the shop volunteer team you will have an opportunity to meet people in your local community while performing an important service; and, if you are interested, it is possible to gain a retail qualification while volunteering. Please come and join us.

Volunteer Support Worker westonworks
Time Flexible

The role would be working 1-2-1 with people who have literacy difficulties to help them with job search, applying for jobs etc.

Often people we work with can read well, but have difficulty writing.

You would meet maybe once a week or as agreed with people for an hour or two to help support them. Initially this would be at westonworks, then could be any where to suit you both.

Volunteer to work with families and young children Home-Start North Somerset
Mon-Fri day

Visiting and supporting families/parents with children under 5 years of age, who are facing difficulties. Visiting in the families own home 2-3 hours per week in North Somerset area, includes anything from befriending to emotional and practical support.

Volunteer Van Driver SOFA Project
Mon-Fri day Sat am

Driving a 3.5 Tonne van (fitted with power tail lift) to collect donated furniture and domestic appliances from across North Somerset, and to deliver items purchased by customers of SOFA Project's shop in Weston Super Mare. Will be supported by a driver's mate on local journeys and by loading / unloading staff at the shop and at SOFA's Bristol depot. Make your own impact in this social/environmental charity!

Volunteer Visitor Victim Support Avonvale**Time Flexible**

Visit or phone victims of crimes ranging from Burglary and Assault to Rape, Domestic Abuse and Murder. Victim Support offers: Someone to talk to, Information on Police/ Court, Help with Compensation and insurance, Crime Prevention information, help with Housing / Benefit problems. Contact with other local organisations, full training is given and on going. Volunteers take referrals on the phone and contact victims directly. The hours are flexible to suit the volunteer and therefore will vary from week to week. Home visiting is only done for burglaries or non-violent crimes, more serious crimes would be telephone contact or at a neutral meeting place. This is an excellent opportunity for someone studying or looking for a career in the Criminal Justice System. Training sessions are run periodically throughout the year so volunteers may need to go on a waiting list for a short time but should that happen they are very welcome to join in volunteers meetings in the meantime to get a feel for the work.

Walking in Weston-super-Mare Leonard Cheshire Disability**Time Flexible**

Some of our residents would love to have a walk on the sea front in Weston. Could you spare an occasional few hours to push a wheelchair?

Wardrounder - Sunshine Radio Sunshine Hospital Radio**Mon-Fri eve**

You will be collecting requests from around the wards in the hospital. Then announcing the requests live on air. After a 3 month probationary period volunteers will be considered for full membership of the Society. If they wish they can also compile their own programme either solo or with another presenter for pre-recording or live broadcast with a Technical Operator and/or undertake training to operate the broadcasting desk and produce/present a live programme. We value the contribution of members of all ages over 16

Welfare Rights Volunteer DIAL - Disability Information And Advice Line**Tue Day Thurs am/pm**

Help with welfare rights work e.g. helping clients to claim benefits such as Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance. Giving advice on all types of information including claiming benefits and filling in claim forms. Tuesdays and Thursdays 11am-3pm. We would particularly welcome applications from people with impairments or disabilities.

Wood Recycler Somerset Wood Recycling**Mon-Fri day Sat am**

Volunteers can help with collections of wood, sorting wood and disposal of waste wood. Volunteers will also be able to make wood products such as benches and planters, and will be selling these to the public. Volunteers will also be able to assist with the administration of the project.

Young Carers Group Worker North Somerset Crossroads**Tue pm Wed pm Thurs pm**

Work alongside paid staff to support young carers in a group environment. Might be anything from arts and crafts to cooking or just generally enjoying themselves.