

Hi All

Welcome to the May newsletter – if you want to stop receiving the newsletter then please just email your name to Karen karen.watson@volunteeringmatters.org.uk

SAVE THE DATE

20TH JUNE 12 -5PM Broadacre House – 2mins for the City Library – Yes that easy to find

Open event celebrating volunteering

So come join us for tea and cake, wander round and talk to organisations or get involved in the activities.

Si if you want to get involved but haven't found the right role – this is your chance to come talk to Karen or one of the other charities

Where else can you get a FREE cuppa on a Saturday in town!

No hassle no pressure just people!

PLUS it's the Volunteer Canters 10th Birthday – I need your help blowing out the candles!

NEWCASTLE RACE FOR LIFE

Race for Life Pretty Muddy – Newcastle 2015

Saturday 11th July 2015 Newcastle Town Moor & Exhibition Park

Volunteer roles within our Pretty Muddy events are extensive as well as exciting. The different roles that can be applied for include:

Admin and Enquiries Team
Volunteer Manager
Event Day logistics
Course Marshall
Obstacle Marshall

The above roles ensure that all participants are well informed and ready for the race day ahead. However, we also take into consideration the safety and enjoyment of the participants whilst taking part in the 5k obstacle course. This includes their wellbeing out on route and safety when facing an obstacle.

We are looking for upbeat, confident and enthusiastic volunteers to make sure our ladies have the best day possible. Not forgetting, the muddier the better!

anna.thompson@cancer.org.uk 07918661696

Men PLEASE COME JOIN US AS VOLUNTEERS

NORTHERN FRONTRUNNERS

Volunteers required to help marshal LGBT 5k run which takes place on the Town Moor, Friday July 17th. Attendance required 5.30pm until 8.30pm and volunteers under the age of 18 would need to be accompanied by an adult. Roles vary from helping to direct runners around course to handing out medals and goody bags. For further details, or to express an interest, please e-mail info@northernfrontrunners.co.uk

ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

Memory Walk volunteer - Newcastle/Gateshead riverside 19/9/2015

- Assisting with activities on the Memory Walk day, as agreed – this could include setting up and dismantling the site, acting as an information point, registering and helping walkers, distributing information packs, managing cash from a variety of stalls, marshalling, helping to run stalls and refreshment areas.
- Following the direction of the Memory Walk Project Team and other colleagues as appropriate
- Ensuring that all activities take place in a safe way
- Following all basic paperwork and money handling procedures where applicable.

Volunteers over 18 only

Games for the Brain Volunteer

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to support the leader run the Games for the Brain sessions

In your volunteer role you would be asked to -

Help set up the room and making it safe and welcoming and help make it ours

Welcoming people and registering them

Talking to people as you give out refreshments

Helping to prepare simple refreshments and then helping with the clearing up afterwards

Support the group leader with planned activities and help people to get involved in their own way

Help the leader record any records of the session for future evaluation

We want reliable helping hands to make our Games for the Brain a roaring success

We will give you full awareness training and you will always be supported by the group leader and the society

The Games for the Brain runs once a week on every Friday pm in six week blocks

Must be aged 16 or over

Fiona Swindell fiona.swindell@alzheimers.org.uk

I work part time and will get back to you as soon as possible.

SATURDAY 27TH JUNE 2015 NEWCASTLEGATESHEAD HOST THE SKYRIDE.

NewcastleGateshead takes its place alongside the 15 other Sky City Rides that are free and open to anyone who is able to take part all over the UK.

On Saturday 27th June, NewcastleGateshead Quayside will be made traffic free for the family event which is a joint venture between Sky and British Cycling, as well as Newcastle and Gateshead councils, to promote healthy living.

This is a family friendly cycling event aimed at primarily social cyclists to ride around a traffic free route taking in Newcastle and Gateshead's stunning iconic quayside areas.

Riders can cycle the route between 10am - 2pm on the day.

Volunteer callout

We are looking for 6 volunteer marshals aged 16 + to assist on the day.

*Duties will include:

*Bib/t shirt distribution

*Assisting official Stewards/marshalls

*Leaflet distribution

*Roadside marshal

If you are interested, please contact Liz Jackson, liz.jackson@newcastle.gov.uk

PROSTATE CANCER UK

Love rugby? Volunteer at the Magic Weekend at St James' Park

Prostate Cancer UK needs volunteers over the weekend to help out at our stand in the fan zone to

- collect money before, during and after matches
- handing out information from Prostate Cancer UK
- managing games by taking donations from participants, recording their data, helping to reset the games (training will be given)

Please note that you may be asked to do any of the roles listed above during the weekend. If you are outgoing, enthusiastic, passionate about men's health and keen to be part of this magical weekend, this is the role for you!

Shifts available

Saturday 30 May 10.45 – 3.00 and/or 2.45 – 7.00

Sunday 31 May 10.45 – 3.00 and/or 2.45 – 7.00

What you will get from volunteering

- A free ticket to see the matches when you're not involved at the fan zone
- The chance to see all the stars of the Super League
- Expenses of up to £15 on production of receipts to cover travel and food. We will not pay for alcohol

follow this link to sign up

<http://prostatecanceruk.org/get-involved/volunteer-with-us/magic-weekend>

or contact Jennifer Todd 07798 764414 jennifer.todd@prostatecanceruk.org

GREAT NORTH CULTURE

Great North Culture is looking for people to join our team of enthusiastic volunteers to help steward our Great North Greats Exhibition.

Great North Greats is a touring exhibition that tells the story of individuals and communities, everyday triumphs and ground breaking achievements. It is a celebration of all the Great North Greats – ordinary people, extraordinary achievements.

The exhibition is featuring 5 of the regions celebrated 'greats' include inventor Joseph Swan, industrialists William Armstrong and Rachel Parsons as well as legends Harry Clasper and Tanni Grey-Tompson.

Great North Run Culture is an annual series of arts projects, events and exhibitions which celebrate and explore sport and art. Featuring film, photography, dance, drama, writing and much more, we use the world's largest half-marathon as the starting point for commissioning exciting and innovative art.

Gateshead Stadium - **11th May to 4th August**

Discovery Museum - **22nd August to 14th November**

If you fancy being part of the team please email your CV to beatriz@greatnorthculture.org

For more information on our work please visit www.greatnorthculture.org and www.gnrmillion.org

ONGOING

ADVOCACY CENTRE NORTH

Community Advocates

Community Advocates support vulnerable people with mental or physical health issues or disabilities to ;

- Speak up or have their voices heard
- Have their rights recognized and upheld
- Make informed choices in order to improve their quality of life
- Access or improve the services that they need

DBS check required (funded by Advocacy Centre North)

2 x character references required

Completion of Induction Programme required

Communication skills (especially good listeners!) - Empathy and sensitivity - Ability to empower others - Ability to respect and keep boundaries - A respect for confidentiality - Reliability and trustworthiness - Having a commitment towards diversity and inclusion - A serious level of commitment to the role.

Available for 2 to 3 hours a fortnight

Angela Walls angela.walls@cvsnewcastle.org.uk 0191 2357013

DYNAMIX EXTREME CIC

Skatepark guide

Who we are: Dynamix Extreme CIC is a not for profit organisation who engage young people in extreme sports, circus and performance arts. You will be volunteering in our busy skatepark, based in our 40,000sq ft warehouse on the Felling Bypass in Gateshead.

How to get to Dynamix: We are a 5 minute walk from Gateshead Stadium metro. We have a large car park for those who drive.

What you will be doing in the skatepark:

- Help check the park for rubbish, obstructions, and wear and tear before participants go into the park
- Hand out and collect hire equipment
- Help run our warm up in beginners sessions
- Offer guidance to participants in beginners sessions
- Help oversee the park in Allsports(experienced) sessions
- Minor equipment repairs

We are looking for volunteers who are:

- Experienced in at least one of the following- BMX, stunt scooters, skateboarding or inline blading
- Able to work well in a team
- Good at communicating
- Happy to pass on their knowledge to those less experienced

Volunteer hours: We are looking for volunteers to help us between 5pm and 9pm Tuesdays to Fridays and between 9.30am and 9pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

We pay travel expenses.

A DBS check is beneficial for this role, however if you do not have one we will arrange this before you start volunteering.

Send CV and covering letter to info@dynamixskatepark.com

PEOPLE'S KITCHEN

Charity Manager 18-20 Voluntary Hours

Founded in 1985 as a soup kitchen, The People's Kitchen have now evolved to offer a range of services, all with food and friendship at their heart, during the evenings and weekends when professional support is not available.

Volunteers play a vital part in The People's Kitchen, as we are a volunteer led charity where individuals work across 11 separate shifts, giving up over 35,000 unpaid hours every year to offer a vital lifeline for our clients (who we call our Friends).

This is a management role that will be the lead and have responsibility for operating the charity on a daily basis using the policies and procedures already in place, whilst also creating new processes as and when deemed necessary.

You'll play an important role in helping us to ensure we deliver our varied range of services efficiently including; warehousing, outreach and centre based duties, while at the same time liaising with our external suppliers and partners to create local partnerships. It's also about on-going learning and improvement, so we can provide even better services in future.

You will also have the support of over 250 volunteers across a wide variety of roles, including our Team Leader's, 20 of which that are long standing, who are all helping to deliver on the aims and objectives of the charity

To do this we are seeking a highly influential, motivational and innovative individual who can provide expert advice, management and direction to lead the charity through the next three years, at a time of exciting organisational change. You will bring experience of having previous responsibility for marketing and fundraising, have experience of change management, be media savvy and have had senior management experience in the past.

The role will be based at our centre in Newcastle upon Tyne and we are looking for someone who can commit to providing us with 18 – 20 hours of their time per week. This is a non-executive role that will report to the Board of Trustees on a quarterly basis.

Friday Warehouse Assistant

We are currently looking for someone to work on the Friday Team in our warehouse. The warehouse is situated off-site, near Scotswood Road, and you will be part of a team of people who will sort the food and prepare stock deliveries to the Kitchen. The bulk of food arriving at the warehouse is non-perishable and arrives either by our transport or dropped off by firms or individuals. The warehouse team are responsible for sorting goods into types and date, removing out of date food and storing goods. As a charity we conform to all food regulations and you will be responsible for ensuring we comply with regulations on food usage dates. The warehouse team is also responsible for receiving a shopping list from the Kitchen team and preparing the goods to be dispatched that are needed for the week's menus.

Training Assistant

Working collaboratively as part of a team and in conjunction with internal volunteers and external agencies, the Training Assistant will be responsible for helping the Training Manager effectively and efficiently coordinate training events and ensuring they are of a high standard.

In addition, you will be required to attend induction days (usually held on a Saturday), create in house training presentations on various areas and as such will need to have excellent interpersonal and communication skills.

A training background or qualification would be advantageous.

Fundraisers

The People's Kitchen is seeking fundraisers to complement the current charity's activities and expand the public fundraising and awareness campaign.

We are looking for computer literate volunteers who can develop fundraising ideas that can be promoted through the organisation's website, newsletter, social media and liaise with members of the public who are seeking to help us raise funds via sport, workplace, community, club, church and school's initiatives.

The individual must be capable of working alone, using their initiative and be an 'ideas' person who can make things happen.
It is important that the person must fully understand the ethos of The People's Kitchen, and has previous fundraising success.

recruitment@peopleskitchen.co.uk

MARIE CURIE HELPER SERVICE – TYNE & WEAR

Volunteer with us and be there for someone living with a terminal illness.

We're looking for Helper volunteers aged 18 or over who can give 3 hours each week to chat to people over a cup of tea, help them get to an appointment, run an errand or just be there as a friendly ear.

By becoming a Marie Curie Helper volunteer, you would be offering valuable emotional and practical support to help people affected by a terminal illness get the most from the time they have left.

We'll give you extensive training before you start and you'll receive on-going support throughout your time volunteering.

Have a chat with us first to find out if this role is for you.

Phone: 0845 073 8590* (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm)

Email: tyneandwearhelper@mariecurie.org.uk

You can also apply online for this role at www.mariecurie.org.uk/volunteering

*Call charges apply. Please check with your provider for details.

PERSONAL SUPPORT UNIT

Could you use your people skills to help other people at risk of losing their home, losing access to children or dealing with debt and bailiffs? Newcastle Personal Support Unit (PSU) is looking for volunteers to join our court-based support unit. Our trained volunteers give free, independent assistance to people facing proceedings without legal representation in civil and family courts.

PSU volunteers meet the needs of the clients in many practical ways without providing any legal advice. We also offer clients a listening ear and a chance to talk through their case. We are looking for volunteers who enjoy a challenging, varied environment and have plenty of initiative and an enthusiasm for helping other people. Volunteers do not need any legal background or experience.

To find out more about volunteering call 01912 618012 or email Newcastle@thepsu.org.uk. For more information about PSU visit the website www.thepsu.org.uk

NORTHUMBERLAND WILDLIFE TRUST

Northumberland Wildlife Trust are looking for a reliable outgoing volunteer to help out on a busy reception desk by answer phone calls, directing visitors and receiving deliveries at our Gosforth office on Tuesday afternoons and Fridays. If you are interested in helping out please contact louise.chapman@northwt.org.uk

VOLUNTEER CENTRE NEWCASTLE

Database Support

The Volunteer Centre is transferring from a PC database to a cloud system

I need volunteers who

- have accurate data entry skills
- are able to confidently contact organisations and verify database records
- are able to maintain a double entry database system
- covert and add logos to the database

The post is available now and training and induction would start immediately

Contact Karen to discuss karen.watson@volunteeringmatters.org.uk

HEALTHWATCH GATESHEAD

Healthwatchers

Healthwatch Gateshead wants to hear about the views and experiences of local people who use Health and Social Care services, to find out what works well and to identify areas for improvement. **Healthwatchers** provide a vital connection between local people, the community and Healthwatch Gateshead.

Enter and View volunteers visit and report on any premises where Health and Social Care services are being used by Gateshead residents. The recommendations from these reports are then used to inform commissioners and influence service improvements for Gateshead residents. Generally these premises will be run - or managed - by the NHS or Gateshead Local Authority or on their behalf by contractors. Enter and View Volunteers provide a vital connection between local people, the community and Healthwatch Gateshead.

An application form can be obtained by contacting Healthwatch Gateshead by email info@healthwatchgateshead.co.uk Tel: 0191 477 0033 or by post from: Nicola Winship Administrator Healthwatch Gateshead Davidson Building, Swan Street, Gateshead. Tyne & Wear. NE8 1BG

AKT TRUST

NEWCASTLE NEEDS CARERS

Supported Lodging Carers open their home to accommodate young people who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and/or Trans (LGBT)

You will provide them with a room and family-like environment for a young person aged 16-21 for a period of between 6 months and 2 years. These young people experience homelessness due to not having a safe and secure environment in which to live, and don't as yet have the skills to live on their own. This is where our carers come in – Along with a Senior Practitioner and a mentor, carers will support a young person to look after their home, attend a meaningful regular occupation, and work towards a set of agreed goals.

To be a carer you need:

- to have an appropriate spare room
- to be aged 25+
- to live in the North East of England
- to be prepared to undergo an intensive training & assessment process

Carers can be couples, single people or families with children. Many of our carers identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual or trans, and they often provide role models for young people coming out or coming to terms with their identity. However, we are also open to non-LGBT applicants who can provide an empathic and affirmative relationship and have a good understanding of the type of issues young LGBT people face.

In return, carers can expect:

- A daily allowance of circa £16.54 per night of accommodation
- Regular supervision
- A break from caring
- Ongoing support for you and the young person
- Opportunities to meet other carers

Are you interested in this challenging yet rewarding role?

You can contact Dawn Gascoigne, the Senior Practitioner in Newcastle to discuss your circumstances

Email DAWN@AKT.ORG.UK / 0191 281 0099 / www.akt.org.uk

THE NATIONAL DEAF CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Facilitators (family events)

Volunteer Facilitators (family events) have a vital role supporting the families of deaf children and young people at our Family Programme events.

When you can volunteer: At one of our Family Programme events (at the moment these are at weekends)

How much time you can commit: Volunteers are asked to attend 2 family programme events a year, you can chose to do more if you wish

Where you can volunteer: at any of our UK wide Family Programme events, we will ask you to attend an event close to where you live, unless you are happy to travel further

These are volunteers who have a deaf child in their family (e.g. the mum, dad, sibling, aunt, uncle etc of a child who is deaf). We need them to facilitate group work discussions with families of deaf children and young people.

If they :

- have experience with child deafness,
- are a team player
- are inclusive
- are a good communicator
- are a good listener
- understand the needs of deaf children and their families
- live in North East

Then they need to request a volunteer application form by email or phone before **12th June**. (email : volunteer@ndcs.org.uk Phone : 0121 2349829)

ST OSWALD CHARITY SHOPS

Over 25 shops in the region – all looking for people like you!

Book Enthusiasts

Have you always got your head in a book? Do you have a couple of hours spare a week? We need passionate volunteers to maintain our book departments by selecting, pricing and displaying the best books. This is the perfect role for someone with a real interest and enthusiasm for books, CDs and DVDs.

It is an opportunity to make new friends, meet fellow book enthusiasts and join a friendly team at the heart of the local community.

Stock Processor

Do you love fashion and finding those hidden gems? Do you have a couple of hours spare a week?

Our stock processors work behind the scenes focusing on preparation of donations – selecting, sizing and pricing all the possible stock. Volunteers need an eye for detail – knowledge of brands and labels is an advantage but is not essential. It is a physical, busy and exciting role.

Till Operator

Do you love talking and meeting new people? Do you have a couple of hours spare a week?

This is a great opportunity if you would like to volunteer on the shop floor – helping customers face-to-face, taking payments for items and answering any customer enquiries. It's a great chance to get some retail work experience, boost your confidence and develop your communication skills.

B'ric a brac' Processor and Valuer

Do you love watching Cash in the Attic and Bargain Hunt? Do you have a couple of hours spare a week?

This role involves sorting, selecting and pricing stock, and especially researching items which have been donated to us, primarily using the internet, but also via various local contacts, as well as using any personal knowledge you may already have.

You will also have the opportunity to maximise sales by creating attractive displays on the shop floor.

Visual Merchandiser

Do you have a house where everything must co-ordinate? Do you have a couple of hours to spare a week?

A good window display is the first opportunity we have to attract customers in to the shop. If you have a creative flair then this role is ideal for you! You will have a strong interest in fashion and the ability to create an attractive display. You will select co-ordinating outfits of donated clothing, new gifts or bric-a-brac to produce themed displays.

Gift Aid Promoter

Gift Aid is a government scheme which allows us to claim an extra 25% on every donated item to the charity. That means an extra £5 for every £20 donated!

We're looking for volunteers to talk to customers in our shops about Gift Aid and encourage them to sign up. You will be an integral part of the shop's team and play a crucial role in allowing the charity to raise 25% more money each year towards our care of local families.

Volunteer Cleaner

We need volunteers with a passion for keeping everything spick and span, maintaining the shop standards, keeping it clean, tidy and well presented. It is an opportunity to make new friends, meet new people and join a friendly team at the heart of the local community.

Volunteer High Street Ambassador

Can you answer yes to any of these questions?

- Do you want to do something different for St Oswald's?
- Do you have good communication and people skills?
- Do you want to develop your skills and share your passion for St Oswald's?

We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to become High Street Ambassadors to help spread the word about St Oswald's and hospice care in their local area.

Contact Susan Freeman Susanfreeman@stoswaldsuk.org

ST OSWALD HOSPICE

We have a variety of roles based in or Hospice, please contact us for a full role description including days, times and skills needed

Lottery Assistant - Fundraising Assistant -

Lymphoedema Outreach Clinic Assistants (Blaydon & Shiremoor) - E-commerce

Photographer - Inpatient Nurses We ask for 9 Months previous experience - **E-commerce**

Assistant - Holistic Therapist - Face to Face Fundraising Assistant - Supporter

Relations Telephone Volunteer - Kitchen Assistants - Outpatient Receptionist -

Fundraising Ambassadors - Adult Minibus Drivers - Patient Transport -

Kingston Park Retail Hub Assistant - Car Driver Assessor - Children and Young Adults

Minibus Drivers - PAT (Pets As Therapy) Dogs and Cats <http://www.petsastherapy.org/>

There is a small registration charge, and we can only accept registered and assessed animals.

- Day Hospice Clinical Admin Assistant - Craft Room Volunteers

For a full volunteer brochure contact

volunteer@stoswaldsuk.org or 0191 246 9125

PAID WORK

Guide Dogs has 2 vacancies in the North East

Community Fundraiser (Maternity Cover 10 months) 20.5 hours a week

Children's and Young People's Service Delivery Manager- North East and Cumbria

For more details go to <https://jobs.guidedogs.org.uk/wrl/>

Ellison Services Manager

Assistant Finance Manager (part time)

An exciting opportunity has arisen for an Assistant Finance Manager to join a growing team in a well-established charity accountancy service based in the centre of Newcastle.

Newcastle CVS is the major infrastructure body supporting the voluntary and community sector in Newcastle. Its subsidiary trading company Ellison Services provides accountancy and payroll support mainly to charities and voluntary organisations including Newcastle CVS. The Assistant Finance Manager will have overarching responsibility for ensuring the delivery and completion of accurate and timely financial returns for Ellison Services clients and Newcastle CVS.

The applicant should have an in-depth understanding of accounting principles, comprehensive experience in a similar role and should be willing to participate fully in the running of the department, assisting with problem solving where necessary. They should have good communication skills, both verbal and written and have a flexible approach to their duties. This role is also vital in the development of current and future services.

The post is on NJC scale PO1 point 29 to 31 £25,440 to £27,123 Pro rata part time (22.2 hrs). A flexitime system is in operation.

The closing date for completed application forms is 8 June 2015.

For further details and to download an application form go to the NCVS website www.cvsnewcastle.org.uk or email judith.temple@cvsnewcastle.org.uk or write to Judith Temple, NCVS, Higham House, Higham Place, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 8AF or Fax: 0191 230 5640.

Please do not send CVs. NCVS is an Equal Opportunities employer.

Northumbria Coalition Against Crime

Project Worker Vacancy

Main Duties

This role involves close contact with young people and their families. You will be responsible for the day to day delivery of the mentoring project and will

carry out the following responsibilities:

- Assess and support individual young people referred to the project, Support the process of matching young people with mentors
 - Support mentoring relationships, including undertaking regular reviews of the relationships and providing additional support as required
 - Identify additional support the young people may require and providing this where appropriate by liaising with colleagues and external organisations
- 35 hours per week. Normal working office hours are 8.30pm to 4.30pm. Due to the nature of the work this post will be based on flexible working hours, as work will take place outside office hours and may take place on a Saturday. Time off in lieu will be given; this must be taken within one calendar month of these being incurred.

A full driving licence and vehicle is essential for this post Salary £17,000-19,000 For more information about this post please contact Heather@thecoalition.org.uk

Closing Date for this post: 29th May
Interviews to be held 4th June