

VOLUNTEER CENTRE NEWCASTLE VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

giving isn't just about money

Hi Everyone

welcome to the April Edition

**We welcome feedback and
comments.**

Style may have changed but not the
process - if you are interested in a
role contact the organisations
directly.

All contact details are contained in
the advert.

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then email Karen your full Name
karen.watson@volunteeringmatters.
org.uk

*In the newsletter, there are two types of volunteering opportunities, one offs
and ongoing, the one-offs appear first.*



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ONE OFF'S

PAID JOB – AMAZING OPPORTUNITY

2027 is a paid job & development programme that prepares brilliant professionals from working-class backgrounds, with experience of working or volunteering in the community, for decision-making roles in the grant-giving sector.

At the heart of the programme is a 12-month job at a leading foundation or trust. A grant-giving organisation such as a foundation or trust is a charity that funds individuals or other organisations to run projects that positively impact the community.

As part of the programme, successful applicants will be employed full time in a grant-giving role with one of our host organisations across the UK. They will deliver brilliant work to improve the communities they serve, whilst receiving a salary of either £23,000 (nationwide, including roles in **Newcastle**)

Alongside the placement 2027 Associates complete a professional development programme led by experts, coming together with other associates and leaders to take part in facilitated learning, network and explore key aspects of the grant-giving sector.

This blend of training, networking and on-the-job experience will mean that at the end of the 12-month programme Associates have the experience and skills to prepare for a strategic position in a foundation or trust.

[You can read more here.](#) Applications close at **1pm on 30th April.**

Visit <http://2027.org.uk/for-participants/> to apply.

LEGO EVENT HELPERS - SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 11TH AND 12TH MAY 2019

[Brick Alley LEGO User Group](#) are proud to present the return of Discovery Bricks LEGO Show in our Great Hall.

See some of the newest models and displays from a hand-picked selection of the best LEGO builders in the UK.

From LEGO cities to Ninjago, Friends and trains to spaceships and more, we'll have some of the UK's best amateur builders to showcase their work.

To assist with the running of a LEGO show at Discovery Museum in Newcastle upon Tyne. Volunteers will assist Brick Alley members in the following ways:

Greet members of the public

- Help look after exhibits
- Making refreshments
- Assist with the running of simple activities

Experience of working with the public is an advantage but not essential.

A friendly and approachable nature is also an advantage.

No skills or qualifications are needed.

16 AND OVER Matt mbailey6473@yahoo.co.uk

THE JOSEPHINE AND JACK PROJECT

Local Hero is an exciting opportunity for local fundraisers to win up to £1,000 for The Josephine and Jack Project! will be launched on 1st April and will run until 30th April. All participants need to do is think up a challenge, set up a fundraising page for **The Josephine and Jack Project** on [Localgiving](#) and persuade as many people as possible to donate.

Throughout April, fundraisers will be ranked on the Local Hero leader board according to the number of unique online donors who sponsor their page. At the end of the campaign, Localgiving will award £5,000 in prizes to the causes supported by the top 20 fundraisers, with a top prize of £1,000 going to the cause of the fundraiser who has secured the most donors.

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J&J's LocalGiving page is here:

<https://localgiving.org/charity/the-josephine-and-jack-project/>

HARAMBEE PASADIA

This festival is scheduled to take place at the Hub in Barnard Castle, County Durham from Thursday, May 30th to Sunday, June 2nd, 2019.

You will be working together with a supportive group of experienced people who are working for the same goal to make the weekend a memorable experience for all.

Take this wonderful opportunity and gain more experience in festival delivery, set-up/takes down, expand your networks, and strengthen your CV.

As part of the volunteer team, you will need to commit to volunteering Four 6 hr shifts with breaks. In return, we provide a meal per day/shift worked (we can cater for dietary requirements apart from severe nut allergies).

The rest of the time you can relax and enjoy the festival for free! If you are interested in participating this year, visit our volunteer page and complete the application.

Harambee Pasadia is a beautiful event that brings diverse and open-minded people together and it would be great to have you on board

Site Set up/Breaking down

Event Registration & Information

Camping ground Area/Traffic Management

Main Gate/Traffic Management

Back Yard Area Volunteer

Car Park Attendants

Anything else... We may need you to help with sundry tasks that may crop up. Previous years we have needed people to help on stalls, act as stagehands, play sports, support vendors, clear out spaces, etc.

1. Must be available to work on: 4 x 6hr shifts between May 27th & June 3rd
2. Must be able to attend a briefing/induction session before the festival (Dates TBC)
3. Fluent in English
4. Drivers licence a plus but not required
5. Pay a deposit of the full price of a Weekend Ticket to secure your volunteer place (refunded upon completion of volunteering tasks)

Check out updated info on artists and join the Facebook event at

[:https://www.facebook.com/harambeepasadia/](https://www.facebook.com/harambeepasadia/)

Email: infoharambeepasadia@gmail.com

Teenage Cancer Trust are looking for volunteers for bucket collections at **Dobbies in Ponteland, Newcastle, Dobbies in Birtley, Gateshead and Dobbies in Heighley Gate, Morpeth**, on the following dates:

- Easter weekend:
Friday 19 April
Saturday 20 April
Sunday 22 April
- May bank Holiday weekend
Saturday 4 May
Sunday 5 May
Monday 6 May
- Spring bank holiday weekend
Saturday 25 May
Sunday 26 May
Monday 27 May

If you can spare a couple of hours on any of these dates, please could you email sonia.graham@teenagecancertrust.org

Please note that volunteers must be 16 years old or over .

TEAM KENYA

Join Team Kenya at the Great North Run in 2019, and take part in the world's largest and most popular half marathon.

Experience the electric atmosphere as you make your way from Newcastle Upon Tyne, over the iconic Tyne Bridge, and on to the finish in the picturesque coastal town of South Shields

As part of Team Kenya you will receive:

- Support from our Fundraising team to help you achieve your target.
- Team Kenya fundraising pack
- Free Team Kenya t-shirt/running vest
- Pre-event support from our lovely Events Team
- Friday Shout-Out on Twitter and Facebook
- A big Team Kenya Thank You

In 2018, our fantastic runners raised approximately £10,000, which will helped us to educate girls, empower women and transform communities in rural Kenya. We have a limited number of places available for 2019 so please register your interest ASAP to secure your place.

Date: Sunday 8th September 2019

Entry fee: £55

Fundraising Target: £350

dani@team-kenya.co.uk

<https://www.teamkenya.org.uk/uk-challenges/>

LEARN ENGLISH IN NEWCASTLE WITH BLUE BRICK ROAD.

An affordable language service for speaking, reading and writing English for business, education, and community.

Join [Blue Brick Road](#) for a meet-up with the team and other learners to help us help you!

On 16/04/19 at 19:00 - 20:30

Good Space, Floor 2, Commercial Union House, 39 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 6QE

www.twitter.com/BlueBrickRoadUK | www.facebook.com/Blue-Brick-Road-uk | bluebrickroaduk@gmail.com

BREAK THE SILENCE FESTIVAL

Be part of the first Break the Silence festival a live music festival where we aim to raise awareness and dispel stigma surrounding mental health issues.

Litter pickers needed on the day of 17/8/19

Volunteers to arrive at festival 1pm to pick up litter at festival throughout the day.

Volunteers as Car park attendants

To arrive 10.30 am

Duties will be to assist parking at the festival throughout the day 10 hrs

People to help make teas and coffees and serve to the public at the festival

17/8/19 from 11.30 am until 5pm

Lunch and refreshments provided

- Helpers needed to coordinate stallholders and help them

throughout the day with information and to provide cover for toilet breaks and general help.

Volunteers needed from 12-5pm 17/8/19

Wardley Lane Gateshead. Buses and metros available to within short distance to festival at Pelaw and Wardley

We also need helpers to guide Disabled people onto the festival field from the car park and

To direct to different areas on the field.

caz.breakthesilence@gmail.com

WALK THE WALK

Join our 3000 strong team of incredible volunteers at The MoonWalk London on 12th May or The MoonWalk Scotland on 8th June to enjoy a different kind of Saturday night and help to raise millions of pounds whilst doing so! We are looking for dedicated, amazing volunteers to support us – thousands of women and men walking either a full or half marathon in their fantastically decorated bras, raising money and awareness for breast cancer...quite a sight to behold!!

If you would like to join us please visit our website <https://walkthewalk.org/volunteer/> and read the in depth information about our many volunteer roles. You simply need a positive and hard-working attitude for helping a great cause! In return you will meet some amazing people, raise millions of pounds for breast cancer and have the most incredible time at one of London and Scotland's most iconic events! It really is an opportunity to experience something truly unique, fun & challenging where you can donate your skills in a very practical way!

BARNARDOS - NORTH EAST SUPPORTED LODGINGS

Wanted.....Someone who can make a difference...

Can you make a difference to a young person who needs a supportive place to live?

Can you help a young person take the next step towards independent living?
What can you do to help?

Barnardo's are keen to hear from you if you can offer support and lodgings to a vulnerable young person at a crucial time in their life.

- Are you over 21 years old?
- Have a spare room?
- Able to offer support to a young person?

We offer weekly allowance per week plus training and on-going support. If you would like more information, please contact us for an informal chat on 0191 2532127.



ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES FOLLOW

The UK Youth Climate Coalition are recruiting!

*If you are enthusiastic about building a **strong, broad, intersectional** youth climate movement to fight for **climate justice**, then we are looking for YOU!*

We are opening up exciting volunteering opportunities across our organisation. As the UK's largest youth-led climate group we offer the chance to build leadership skills, develop communication and organisational skills, as well as put your own stamp on the climate movement. We think you would be interested.

Applications are now open

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1RFo91yjpZwtQEN5NiqTqikOhLSYwaBlfhrAZKk7_Hp8/viewform?edit_requested=true and close at midnight on **Monday 22nd April 2019.**

You can find more information about what we do read through our

https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/d70362_eb95544476384685a17fff82b1280e66.pdf or visit our website: <https://www.ukycc.com/>

Volunteer Guides with Ouseburn Trust

To complement our underground tours of the Victoria Tunnel we are developing a walk around the Ouseburn Valley to introduce people to the history and regeneration of the area – local people tell us 'they never knew it was here' and visitors are fascinated by the old buildings and the new creative businesses of our urban village. We will be running these guided walks every Saturday morning over the summer (and other times by arrangement). We are seeking volunteers with a welcoming approach and an enthusiasm for local heritage to join our team of guides, full training will be provided. There are more details here www.ouseburntrust.org.uk/walking-tour-guide or email heather.richardson@ouseburntrust.org.uk

FoodCycle Newcastle! Monkchester and Walker Need You!

Looking for volunteers who **love food, hate food waste and want to give back!**

FoodCycle is a charity that collects food destined for the landfill and turns this into a three-course meal for the local community, completely for free. We serve to a diverse bunch of each week in Monkchester and Walker, cooking up healthy meals using the surplus ingredients we collect from local suppliers. We are looking for both and cooks and hosts to help run our community meal.

Come and be a part of this amazing community project. No experience needed, but bags of enthusiasm helpful!

We need volunteers at:

Monkchester: Wednesdays from 10:30am
(Monkchester Community Centre. Newcastle upon Tyne)

Walker: Thursdays from 17:30pm
(Pottery Bank Community Centre, Yelverton Crescent, Newcastle)

For more information on volunteering, please email: harry@foodcycle.org.uk

BYKER COMMUNITY CENTRE

As a volunteer for the Tech Help Hub you will provide a range of marketing support for five community centres in the East End of Newcastle.

This will be done using a suite of software and social media.

Each volunteer will have a centre to focus on as well as development and skills training each week.

You will be provided with training, coaching and ongoing mentoring to help you individually, and as a member of the team, to support the centres.

This training for this project is due to start at the end of April 2019.

Tasks will include:

- attending training sessions with the team
- working with other team members and the community centres to identify content for social media and other marketing platforms
- producing content and posts
- using social media platforms to promote the work of the centres
- contributing to the production of newsletters and other marketing approaches

openingdoors.ngcic@gmail.com

PSPA

Volunteer Support Worker required to support Doris. Doris is in her 60s and has PSP a progressive neurodegenerative disease for which there is currently no treatment or cure. Doris recently lost her husband who was her main carer, she has family, but needs some independent support to provide her with any information she may need, help her access support from PSPA and offer some emotional support. Doris has limited communication due to the progression of her condition and uses a tablet to communicate. She requires someone who is patient to understanding.

Volunteer Support Worker required for Michael. Michael is in his 60s and has PSP, a progressive neurodegenerative disease for which there is currently no treatment or cure. His wife is his main carer. They have no additional support and are unsure what is available to them as Michael condition progresses. They require someone to help them find information about what support they may be able to access in a time appropriate manner. They need someone who can be sensitive to their needs and the progressive nature of the condition.

Gem volunteering@pspassociation.org.uk

Volunteers needed to support the Royal Air Forces Association!

Could you give a little time to be a friend to someone facing loneliness in your community?

Right now there are veterans in the RAF family suffering from loneliness. Often, what can help more than anything is a friendly visit from a like-minded person.

At present we are urgently looking for individuals to volunteer as Befrienders in the Newcastle area.

Could you become an RAF Association Volunteer Befriender and help make a positive difference to someone's life? If so, please contact volunteers@rafa.org.uk or 0800 018 2361

Find out more about our work at www.rafa.org.uk

ACTION FOR CHILDREN

HAVE YOU GOT 4-6 HOURS PER MONTH SPARE? COULD YOU HELP A CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON IN CARE BY BEING AN INDEPENDENT VISITOR VOLUNTEER?

It doesn't matter what your gender, religion or ethnicity is, if you are over 18 and under 90 our service could use you!

We require people from all walks of life, in your area and other parts of the North East to volunteer their time to befriend a child/young person who is in foster care or a residential home.

You will have a lot of fun taking the person you have been matched with to new places & trying new activities; you will know that in some way you are making a difference to their life.

As an Action for Children Volunteer you would get training, supervision, support and reimbursement of reasonable expenses.

We have on-going training throughout the year. If you are interested and would like further information don't hesitate to contact Charlie Tolfrey on 0191 272 4990 or you can visit our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/North-East-Independent-Visitor-Service-1239784409405895/>

ST OSWALD HOSPICE

Craft Volunteer

If you're keen on crafts and would like to share your skills and experience (or boost your creative CV) we're looking for volunteers on Thursdays. This role will support creative sessions for people using our 'Focus On Living' day services – being creative has such a positive impact on their wellbeing!

Gardening Volunteer

Green-fingered volunteers are needed on Tuesdays and Fridays to help maintain and develop our outdoor spaces. A great way to meet new people and a wonderful time of year to get outdoors! From courtyards and ponds to gardens and vegetable patches, we have lots to get stuck into! Our peaceful outdoor spaces are enjoyed by patients, visitors and their families.

Kitchen Volunteer

You don't need to be a Masterchef to join our brilliant kitchen team - just an interest in catering and a willingness to learn. A variety of shifts available, you'll be part of a busy team preparing food for

patients and families as well as staff and volunteers. A brilliant way to gain vital experience in a professional kitchen.

Each of the roles are open to volunteers age 16+ and a DBS process will be required. Please contact volunteer@stoswaldsuk.org for an application pack

Retail volunteering opportunity of the month: Van Driver Assistants

Could you keep St Oswald's Retail Van Drivers company? Van Driver Assistants play a vital role at St Oswald's. This role will see you out and about all day, travelling the region alongside our drivers to help collect, transport and deliver our donations.

A perfect opportunity for anyone over 18 looking for a physically-demanding challenge where you will really make a difference, and a brilliant chance to enhance your CV and make some new friends!

To find out more about St Oswald's retail volunteering opportunities, please contact the retail helpdesk via retailhelpdesk@stoswaldsuk.org, call 0191 246 9071 or pop into any shop and speak to the manager. For specific shop contact details, please visit www.stoswaldsuk.org/shop.

SCOUTS – HAZLERIGG SCOUT GROUP

Are you looking for a different challenge? Want to try something completely new?

Come and volunteer at the brand new Hazlerigg Scout Group and make a huge difference to the lives of people in the local community!

Scouting provides exciting opportunities for children and young people aged 6-18 to try new things, learn new skills and meet new friends. In Scouts, members experience challenges in the indoor and outdoor environments including climbing, kayaking, computer coding, first aid, fire lighting, cooking and many more.

All Scout groups are ran completely by volunteers giving up their time freely to transform the lives of the young people who come along each week. We're always looking for new volunteers as Scouting continues to grow in Newcastle.

Our new Hazlerigg Scout Group can only become an official group if we have some new volunteers stepping forward to take the lead and support the group. We offer award winning training and support to all our volunteers so even if you're completely new to Scouting, you'll feel confident and secure in your role.

Check out our [role descriptors](#) to find the perfect role for you.

If you require more information, contact Kathryn Toner via kathryn.toner@scouts.org.uk or on 07947239126.

CITY OF NEWCASTLE SCOUTS

Are you looking for a different challenge? Want to try something completely new?

Come and volunteer at one of the twenty one Scout Groups across Newcastle and make a huge difference to the lives of people in the local community!

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All Scout groups are ran completely by volunteers giving up their time freely to transform the lives of the young people who come along each week. We're always looking for new volunteers as Scouting continues to grow in Newcastle. There are roles to fit everyone's skills, interests and time restraints – we can even make your volunteer role flexible enough to fit around your current commitments. We offer award winning training and support to all our volunteers so even if you're completely new to Scouting, you'll feel confident and secure in your role.

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CHILDREN FOUNDATION

Community Ambassador

The is an exciting opportunity for adults of all ages who would like to be involved in public speaking and raising awareness of The Children's Foundation within their local communities.

Responsibilities:

- Promote all upcoming events and campaigns through handing out leaflets and talking to people within the community to increase engagement for The Children's Foundation
- Deliver talks and presentations to local community groups to gain new financial support and raise the profile of The Children's Foundation
- Collect and replace collection tins from local businesses on an ad hoc basis
- Highlighting opportunities for guest speakers and making proactive approaches to local community groups
- Help TCF staff set up and manage stalls at local fetes and fayres in order to raise money and awareness of the charity.

Skills needed:

- Confident self-starter who is prepared to approach local businesses and groups who may not have otherwise heard of TCF
- Friendly, enthusiastic and confident manner, both in person and on the telephone
- Excellent verbal communication skills
- Creative thinker that 'thinks outside the box'
- Someone that is happy to 'get stuck in' at events.

Ebay Seller

Responsibilities:

- Putting items up for sale on eBay

- Liaising with buyers
- Packaging and posting items
- Contacting local businesses for donations of clothing.

This is a perfect opportunity for you to use your entrepreneurial and creative skills to raise money for a local cause.

Full support will be given from the office team.

Skills needed:

- Understanding of eBay
- Basic computer skills
- Entrepreneurial
- Creative
- Strong communication skills.

Photography/Videography Volunteer

The Children's Foundation is looking for someone to join their small but vibrant team as a photography/videography assistant. If you have experience in photography and/or video editing skills and are looking to gain some experience then this role is ideal for you. You will be responsible for attending events such as the Great North Run and The Children's Foundation's Stars Awards and taking photographs and videos. You may also be asked to edit videos for awards ceremonies, social media and charity events. You will have full access to The Children's Foundation office; however you must have access to your own photo and video editing software. Full support will be given from the office team.

Responsibilities:

- Taking photographs and videos at events
- Editing videos and photos for social media, website etc

Skills needed:

- Photography/videography experience
- Confidence in using Adobe package and photo-editing software
- Ability to complete tasks from a brief
- Self-motivation

#Socialmedia Ambassador

The Children's Foundation is looking for someone to support their small but vibrant Fundraising Team in developing their social media presence by sharing social media communications. They will work such a way as to promote the work and events of The Children's Foundation to a new audience.

Responsibilities:

- Develop and execute a personal social media strategy
- Generate, edit, publish and share content that builds meaningful connections and encourages volunteers and donors to take action

-Use posts and activity to support The Children's Foundation by highlighting work of the charity, selfies, linking to posts, retweets, likes and Instagram being examples. The aim is to increase the visibility of the charity's social content.

Skills needed:

-Confidence on all social media platforms

Contact Courtney courtney.wallace@nuth.nhs.uk

GET ONLINE NEWCASTLE

We are looking to recruit some new volunteers for our Online Basics computer training that we offer at the City Library

We would love to hear from you if you have:

- Good basic computing skills?
- A passion for helping others?

Full training will be given and shadowing opportunities are available to help you gain the confidence you need to support the learners.

The sessions run on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning, 10.30 – 1.00pm
If you are interested please email lisa.dawson@yhn.org.uk

BREAK THE SILENCE

Break The Silence Festival C.I.C. Bookkeeper

We are looking for a volunteer that is capable of working on general bookkeeping and organising the day to day funds of the C.I.C and the festival to be held in August 2019. This can be done between volunteers home and our office at Annitsford.

We would like them to have a bookkeeping qualification and some experience.

We will accept any gender or age from 18 years.

We would expect part time at first from 16 hours and as the CIC becomes busier we would expect some extra 8 hours

caz.breakthesilence@gmail.com

NEWCASTLE CARERS

Would you like to make a difference to someone's life? Are you friendly and good at listening? We would love to hear from you...

Newcastle Carers is a small charity based on Shields Road in Byker. We support carers - those who look after a family member or friend who is ill, disabled, has mental health problems or is misusing drugs or alcohol.

For example, they may be looking after a parent with dementia, a partner who has had a stroke or a child with a learning disability.

Listening Link Volunteers

Listening Link is a volunteer telephone support service for carers. Each carer is matched with a volunteer who will call them regularly for a friendly chat.

Speaking to a volunteer offers carers a chance to share their worries or concerns, providing support and encouragement so that they feel less alone. We know that being a carer can feel very isolating. A friendly voice on the other end of the phone can make a huge difference.

In your volunteer role you would be asked to telephone the carer you have been matched with, from your own home, usually once a week.

Volunteers must be over 18. All volunteers are provided with out-of-pocket expenses, training and support. We work with people from diverse communities and welcome all enquiries.

If you are interested in volunteering with us please contact Alison Neill for more information: alison@newcastlecarers.org.uk; 0191 275 5060.

Volunteering with Samaritans

'Becoming a listening volunteer with Samaritans is very different to almost any other types of voluntary work – you never know what you will be dealing with next!' Jack – Samaritans Listening Volunteer for 14mths

We are always looking for more volunteers

Becoming a listening volunteer with Samaritans is a great way to help others cope with the difficult times in their lives. At the Tyneside Branch we run Information/ Recruitment, Selection and Training Courses three times a year. To register for one of the March/April Information/Recruitment sessions please email: newcastle@samaritans.org or ring our office on 0191-281-3251 and leave your contact details. We will email you all the details and some background information. We look forward to hearing from you.

Volunteering – what happens...

- Come along to an **Information/ Recruitment** event
- If you would like to continue, you will be invited to come to a **Selection** day
- If you are successful at Selection, you will be invited to a **10-wk training course** (once a week)
- You will need two references
- You will also need a DBS check (*this is free*)

VICTORIA TUNNEL

Volunteers are needed to assist with Guided Tours

The Victoria Tunnel was built in the 1830s to carry coal under the streets of Newcastle to staitchs on the quayside. In 1939 it was opened as an air-raid shelter for Newcastle residents and is now open to the public for guided tours.

The Ouseburn Trust who operates a programme of five guided tours each week within a 700 meter's stretch of the Victoria Tunnel and is now is looking for new volunteers to become tour guides. We are looking for people who will help us bring the history and heritage of the Victoria Tunnel alive and make a tour of it a wonderful fulfilling experience.

Volunteers will undergo a comprehensive induction and training programme, be fully trained and given full supported by the existing current team of volunteer Guides. Volunteers are fully reimbursed for travel and any other incidental expenses.

The first training session will be at the Ouseburn Trust's office at Arch 6, Stepney Bank, Newcastle NE1 2PW.

Training will then be on several of the organised tours within the Victoria Tunnel and backed up with further sessions at Arch 6.

It is envisaged that trainees will have some experience of public speaking and be comfortable addressing the public at a tour after undergoing our training programme.

Therefore the successful volunteers must have:

1. Experience of working with people
2. Excellent communication and organisational skills
3. The ability to attend an occasional evening tour (finishing at 8.30 pm) and occasionally at weekends
4. The enthusiasm and the ability to work as part of a team.

clive.goodwin@ouseburntrust.org.uk

Helpline & Email Support Volunteer Role – Recruitment Open

Women volunteer with us to delivery all of our services for women and girls with the exception of our Counselling Service. The route into all frontline volunteer roles is via experience in our Helpline and Email Supporter role.

Recruitment for Helpline & Email Support Volunteer role is now open. For more information click here <https://rctn.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Helpline-Email-Support-Volunteer-Role-Des-P-Spec.pdf>

Women interested in volunteering with us should read <https://rctn.org.uk/about-us/mission-and-values/> which includes our statement on feminism.

If you are successful in the application process you will be offered a place on our volunteer induction training. Please check that you are able to meet the requirements of this year's volunteer training schedule which is here:

<https://rctn.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Volunteer-Training-Schedule-2019.pdf>

To begin the recruitment process for the Helpline & Email Support Volunteer Role contact our Volunteer Coordinator: dbowman@rctn.org.uk. She will schedule a meeting with you and send you an application form to complete.

Places for 2019 Volunteer Training will be offered by 29th April & must be accepted by 3rd May

We are not able to support counselling placements or have volunteers as part of our counselling team.

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Carer Café Volunteer

We need volunteers to help out at our monthly carer café, held in West Denton. In your volunteer role you would be asked to:

- Greet carers and help them to feel comfortable
- Make teas and coffees for carers
- Offer a listening ear to those who are going through a difficult time
- Help set-up the room to make it welcoming

Sometimes this is a person's only opportunity to sit down, have a cup of tea and talk to someone who cares.

A quote from a carer who attends our support groups:

"I have been a carer for about 6 years, looking after my mum who suffers from Alzheimer's. I felt really isolated until I found Newcastle Carers. From that day I was no longer alone."

Ideally for this role we would like someone who could transport equipment required for the café, i.e. cups, tea/coffee, information leaflets etc.

If you are interested in volunteering with us please contact Alison Neill for more information: alison@newcastlecarers.org.uk; 0191 275 5060.

The One World Shop St Thomas Church, Newcastle upon Tyne

At the One World shop at the Haymarket in Newcastle we are committed to promoting Fairtrade and the principle that we can all support ourselves and our wider global community without having to compete and create winners and losers. We specialise in selling interesting foods and products. We are more of a community than a business although we aim to cover our costs, provide good service and value for money.

The Church supports us with overall management. We are always looking for additional volunteers to join us. The main task for volunteers is serving customers and keeping stock tidy, well presented and up to date. As we are a team nobody is left alone or unsupported.

Typically our existing volunteers work one or two half days (10.30-1.00 or 1.00-4.00) or one full day per week

We also need people to help us promote the Fairtrade ethic and market the shop. So if you are good at communicating through online media or you are able to present in person to groups of people in a community setting then we could use your skills and support you to develop your skills further.

If you would like to help us in our work please call in and see us some time or contact the current Manager; John Pearson.

johnsdpearson@gmail.com or text to 07089 288213

TEAM KENYA

Virtual library support

We require a volunteer who is experienced in library management to join our Library advisory committee in the UK and take the lead on carrying out tasks to support our

library services in Kenya. We have funding to develop a community library in Western Kenya, and will also operate a mobile library service for schools

in the region.

The volunteer will work on the following tasks with the support of committee members in the UK:

- Research and advise on suitable books for our library and mobile libraries for schools
- Share guidance on best practice with our staff in Kenya
- Provide advice on the development of plans for the library and our mobile library service
- To provide feedback upon, and to advise on, the adequacy of services provided by the Library to support learning, teaching, and research.

To monitor the library services provided to users and to consider actions to maintain an appropriate level and quality of service.

kath@team-kenya.co.uk

RVS

Are you passionate about gardening or making outdoor craft projects such as bird boxes?

Would you love to pass on your knowledge and skills to older people aged 40yrs+?

You don't have to be the next Alan Titchmarsh or Charlie Dimmock but you could be the next group leader or assistant who makes things happen in your local community.

You can do this either on your own, with family or friends or get matched with other volunteers with the same love of helping others and gardening.

At Royal Voluntary Service we can support you every step of the way and we also have a small pot of money to help set up your group.

Volunteers are our lifeblood, and with your helping hands and a willingness to 'bring people together' we can reduce loneliness and give older people the opportunity to get involved in their local community.

Sessions will run each week (tbc) in a beautiful Victorian Garden in the West End of Newcastle.

Why not join us, volunteering can make a difference in so many positive ways.

'You should sit in nature for 20mins a day ... unless you're busy. Then you should sit for an hour' **Zen saying**

Julie julie.crocker@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk

RVS

Are you passionate about finance? Would you love to help a local community group led by volunteers with their accounts?

You don't have to be the next Carol Vorderman but you could be the next assistant who makes things happen in your local community.

You can attend regular sessions of the group or even do the accounts from home for just an hour a week if time is limited.

Some groups needing your help include a Men's Pie Club, Victorian Garden and Cycling Club. At the Royal Voluntary Service we can support you every step of the way and we also have training and spreadsheets to help you.

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'Welcome to accounting, the department where EVERYBODY counts!'

Julie julie.crocker@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk

Male drama workshop course leaders required for: *Jack*: a creative health and sexual health resource for men with learning disabilities

£20/£25 per hour on a freelance basis (*Dates for work to be negotiated on appointment*)

- Proven knowledge of issues related to men's health
- Experience of working with people with learning disabilities
- Skills and experience in leading drama-based workshops and / or creative group activities and evaluating their impact
- At least two years' experience of running workshops in a community setting
- Ability to work to deadlines and as part of a team

Full JJP induction given to successful candidates

Appointments subject to DBS Clearance and references

Single gender exception deemed as "occupational requirement" and therefore permitted as per Equality Act 2010

Interested?

For an informal discussion about the project call Simon, our Chief Executive on 0191 261 5555 or email : simon@josephineandjackproject.co.uk and/or apply by email to rachel@josephineandjackproject.co.uk with your CV and an application statement of no more than two pages of A4.

The closing date for applications is **Friday 26 April 2019** and we'll be contacting suitable candidates about interviews in early May.



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