

VOLUNTEER CENTRE NEWCASTLE VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

giving isn't just about money

Hi Everyone

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



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please contact me to unsubscribe.*

ONE OFF'S

BLOODWISE Join our bucket collections at the Calendar Girls musical

Take part in one of our collections at a showing of the award winning musical Calendar Girls to raise vital money for Bloodwise. Just a small amount of your time will make a huge difference to people affected by blood cancer. Volunteer roles

There are two roles available

- **Collector** - you will be collecting at one of our venues.
- **Collection host** - you will be the main point of contact; you will be there to meet and greet our collectors, hand out the collection materials and gather everything back at the end of the collection. You can continue to help us after the collection by counting all the donations and banking them on our behalf.

We have been offered a fantastic opportunity to raise even more money at the Calendar Girls shows by selling official merchandise of the show with a percentage of the profits going to Bloodwise. **We will be asking collectors to sell this merchandise on our behalf.** If you would rather not do this please let us know when you are contacted about this volunteering opportunity. Thank you.

The dates are 19-23 March.

19th – 6.45-10pm

20th – 1.45-5pm and 6.45-10pm

21st - 1.45-5pm and 6.45-10pm

22nd – 6.45-10pm

23rd - 1.45-5pm and 6.45-10pm

Over 16

Contact Danielle

BREAK THE SILENCE FESTIVAL

Be part of the first Break the Silence festival a live music festival were 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.

Kind regards

Joy



ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES FOLLOW

Gasbags NE

Website and social media

We support Gay Bisexual and questioning men to meet in social companionship. We need a website designer to develop our webly site

We would like an events page, to be able to add descriptions and update pages with information supplied by the committee

We would also like to build a social media facebook page, informing potential partners and future members about activities, how to join and generally schedule posts

We need someone to also send updates to partners like "Our Gateshead"

Contact gasbagsnortheast598@gmail.com

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.

FAMILY LIVES

Volunteers urgently needed to support our helpline- can you spare 4 hours a week - afternoons /or evening.

Are you interested in volunteering with Family Lives- to be a volunteer call taker on the national helpline? Out of pocket expenses given up to £10 a shift.

We have an information session on Monday 18th March 6pm (approx. 1.5 hours) to tell you a little, about family lives and the role of a volunteer.
Venue- space works – Benton park Road

If you would like to book a place on the information session please e mail

ClaireCu@familylives.org.uk & cc nickyh@familylives.org.uk

Or ring the office to speak with Nicky/Claire

Telephone interviews will take place after the information session

Training dates are over **3 Saturdays 30th March 6th April/13th April**

Sandwich lunch provided -10 am to 4.30 pm- you will need to attend all modules of the training

This will be followed by 8-12 hours extra training in the call centre, times to be arranged on an individual basis.

Please don't hesitate to contact our office if you have any further questions
0191 2844060 to speak with us

NORTHUMBERLAND WILDLIFE TRUST

Northumberland Wildlife Trust is a busy wildlife charity, whose aim is to conserve local wildlife, promote nature conservation within Newcastle, North Tyneside and Northumberland, and provide the means by which everyone can become involved.

Our headquarters is based in Gosforth, and we are looking for a friendly, reliable person to volunteer every Friday to work on reception and carry out general office duties.

Tasks will include making and receiving telephone calls, greeting visitors, filing, and managing incoming and outgoing post.

There will also be the opportunity to help with ad hoc tasks generated by our Marketing Team, and meet and work alongside other like-minded volunteers.

If you have good communication skills and would like to help in a small but busy office environment please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Lou Chapman at: louise.chapman@northwt.org.uk or ring 0191 2846884, Mon-Fri 9am to 4.30pm.

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 staiths 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 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

ST OSWALD'S HOSPICE

St Oswald's Hospice provides care to those with life limiting conditions and needs to raise £7.5 million each year to continue to provide the service it does. As such, volunteers make a huge contribution to the overall running of the Hospice and they couldn't do what they do without them. Join team St Oswald's by becoming a:

- Bank Ward Helper
- Lymphoedema Volunteer
- Gardening Volunteers
- Confidential Waste Processor Volunteer

For a list of all of their current onsite vacancies, task descriptions and shifts on offer, please email volunteer@stoswaldsuk.org, visit www.stoswaldsuk.org or phone 0191 246 9125.

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.

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

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

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

Julie julie.crocker@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk

SHANTI BEE

We're a community space and wellness centre in Newcastle Upon Tyne. As a group, we're committed to making alternative health available to everyone.

Volunteer Accountant:

- We are seeking someone to support the Director in the filing of the accounts. The role is suited to someone with accounting experience, who is comfortable using Excel and liaising with Companies House.

The accountant would meet once or twice a month with the Directors at Shanti Bee to

Volunteer Web manager:

- Shanti Bee uses a template website called Strikingly. The volunteer would work with the Director to ensure any new events at the centre we communicated on the website, new roles are added to the website and the Blog was kept up to date with new content - supplied by the practitioners.

Volunteer events assistant:

- We are looking for an assistant to support us with our social events. The person must be comfortable handling money, working their way around a kitchen and chatting to and assisting customers. The role would be Ad Hoc, we run 'free social events' once or twice month on weekends. Food and Hygiene certificate would be an advantage but not essential.

Rosie shantibeeinfo@gmail.com

JOBS

Northumbria Coalition [against crime](#)

Project Worker WANTED for the Odysseus Mentoring Project

We are looking for an enthusiastic individual to join our team as project worker for our award winning mentoring project, The Odysseus Mentoring Project (OMP). If you have a passion for supporting young people to enable them to reach their fullest potential and have experience of working with young people this may be the position for you.

Salary: £18,000 Per Annum

Hours: 35 hours per week (flexible depending upon needs of young people).
Evening/weekend work required

Start date: Immediate start – After DBS and relevant checks

Based at: Whickham Police Station – Work carried out throughout Northumbria Region

This post is funded until 2020

- Experience of supporting young people is essential
- Experience of working with young people at risk of offending is desirable
- A working knowledge of informal education methods and an understanding of the philosophy that underpins informal education are desirable

For further information and an application pack please email:

Gosia@thecoalition.org.uk

Please note: Closing date for applications is Thursday 7th March 2019 at 5pm

Interviews will be held during the week commencing 17th March 2019

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