

VOLUNTEER CENTRE NEWCASTLE VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

VOLUNTEER CENTRE NEWCASTLE IS CLOSED FROM

15th APRIL – 26TH APRIL

DUE TO STAFF HOLIDAYS

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

SUCCESS4ALL EASTER SCHOOL

Success4All are an educational charity in Newcastle Upon Tyne and we have numerous volunteering opportunities across the city.

We are now recruiting volunteer Tutor/Befrienders for our Easter Revision Week, which we are hosting Monday 8th April - Friday 12th April.

We require our volunteers to be available for the **full week**, Monday to Friday (10:15am-12:45pm) to tutor the same child each day.

The children attending our sessions need help with exam preparation and revision, for their upcoming exams.

We need our volunteers to:

- Obtain a C/5 grade or above in English and Maths
- Be reliable and committed
- Be able to communicate well with the children, staff and other volunteers
- Have a warm and friendly approach in order to befriend the children and young people
- Be patient and calm
- Be passionate about the organisation and teaching

If you are interested in this role, please contact Eve, Volunteer Coordinator at volunteers@s4a.org.uk

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 help 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/>

CAN DO DROP-IN SESSION

Wednesday 3rd April 2019, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Meadowwell Connected, [The Meadows, Waterville Road, North Shields NE29 6BA](#)

The Can Do community programme invites young people aged 16 to 35 with a disability/additional needs/health issues to come and have a try at some fun one-off opportunities and find out about volunteering and getting involved in community activities. Get involved in making some mosaic artwork to donate to the Meadowwell Centre, celebrating 25 years. VODA will also be attending to offer advice and activities.

If interested or would like to find out more, please get in touch with Can Do Programme Coordinator, Ann Henderson 07525800291 or email at ann.henderson@leonardcheshire.org

OASIS COMMUNITY HOUSING

Fundraising bag pack coming up at Marks & Spencer (Metro Centre, Gateshead) on Saturday 23rd March from 10am-4pm.

- We would be very much appreciate the help of some wonderful volunteers as we are hoping to raise funds to support the people we work with, during the run up to Mother's Day.
- We ask volunteers to sign up to a 2 hour slot (10am-12, 12-2pm or 2-4pm), and we need up to 10 people per slot.
- If anyone is interested in signing up, please ask them to email Abbie Allison at Abbie.Allison@oasiscommunityhousing.org
- For those that are interested, Abbie will pass on all the necessary details about where to meet, dress code etc.

HELIX ARTS

If you live or can travel to North Shields and would like to try volunteering within arts organisations, Helix Arts is offering a series of taster activities in March.

We need you 21st March at 6.30 at The Exchange in North Shields. Volunteers are invited to steward the event; directing audience members to facilities and handing out flyers for future performances.

The Exchange, volunteers are invited to help to promote future events by distributing flyers and posters in the town centre.

Volunteers must be aged 18 and over. If you would like more information and for full role descriptions, please contact Helix Arts on 0191 241 4931 or info@helixarts.com

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.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES FOLLOW

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

ST OSWALD HOSPICE

We are looking to find Volunteer Receptionists to enhance the wonderful service provided at St Oswald's Hospice. Whether you're looking to explore new opportunities and develop your own

volunteering experiences or you know someone who might be interested, we'd really love to hear from you.

The main purpose of the role is to provide an efficient and effective reception service ensuring that it maintains a caring, friendly, sensitive and welcoming environment for patients, visitors, staff and volunteers whether face to face or by telephone.

This is a really accessible opportunity with lots of short regular or ad-hoc shifts to choose from; ideal for individuals with busy lives – just a few regular hours can make a huge difference to creating a welcoming and organised Main Reception.

Current shifts available are:

- Wednesdays 5pm – 8pm
- Friday 12:30pm – 1:30pm (to cover lunch break)
- Saturdays 5pm – 8pm
- Sundays 9am – 1pm and 5pm – 8pm
- Bank Volunteer shifts also available (ad-hoc shifts)

The role would suit someone looking to develop or share their administrative experience and skills, but as full training is provided, we'd love to hear from anyone who thinks they can make a difference by contributing a welcoming and organised approach.

If you'd like further information please email volunteer@stoswaldsuk.org – Thank you!

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/>

FareShare is a food re-distribution service that takes surplus food and re-distributes it to local charities and community groups.

We are looking for volunteer drivers and driver's assistants to deliver food to charities across the North East such as children's clubs, community centres, homeless hostels and refuges. Working from our warehouse in Westerhope, Newcastle you will be the vital link between us and the charities, getting the food to where it's needed.

Drivers must be over the age of 21 and have a full UK drivers licence. Driver's assistants don't require a driver's licence and must be aged 18 or over.

If you are interested in finding out more please email Fareshare.volunteers@changing-lives.org.uk or call 07891537639.

GIBSIDE

Events and activities volunteer

Love talking to people and getting stuck in? Events and activities volunteers help deliver the fantastic events, activities and sport that help bring Gibside to life for over 300,000 visitors every year.

What's involved?

- Running our brand new activity station on green close field which is stocked with loads of kit including an inflatable football pitch and Frisbee golf course.
- Running family activities at weekends and during the school holidays. Our school holiday programme is really varied so be open to learning new things. There'll be everything from making epic mud pies, helping children get creative making wild art and becoming a pro at building a den to simply enjoying a game of rounders or football on the field.
- Setting up events, by doing things hosing down the mud kitchen and stocking up the selfie station. It can be quite physically demanding, but it helps keep us fit!
- Delivering amazing one-off events such as camping festivals and music events
- Having a good giggle with the team
- Making visitors feel welcome, answering their questions and encouraging them to get involved
- Sometimes the weather may not be on our side, but events and activities volunteers keep smiling come rain or shine
- Asking visitors to tell us about their day so we can improve future events
- Getting to know health and safety procedures
- There might occasionally be some other activities that are of interest to you, that we could use your help with.

Partnerships volunteer

Want to assist with behind the scenes event planning at Gibside? We're setting up a new team with a specific focus on liaising with third parties. Gibside couldn't deliver its huge programme of events without the support of partners, third parties, bands and food traders. Now we're in need of volunteers to help us with planning these events.

What's involved?

- Booking food traders and bands to attend Gibside's Beer and a bite night events
- Inviting local practitioners to deliver sport and creative learning programmes at Gibside
- Identifying and approaching new partners
- Maintaining excellent working relationships with both existing and new partners
- Liaising with the land agent team to secure licenses for partners
- Working at Gibside or from home
- Comply with GDPR regulations
- Getting the know and comply with health and safety procedures
- There might occasionally be some other activities that are of interest to you, that we could use your help with.

Contact nationaltrust.org.uk/gibside

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

HEALTHWATCH NEWCASTLE

Office

We often need volunteers to help with inputting research data, helping with mail outs, proofreading documents, etc. in our office.

Good data input skills are required, with an attention to detail, and we prefer volunteers to stay for a few months at a time in order to gain a better understanding of our processes.

Research

From time to time research roles are available. The main focus is to gather people's views about health and social care services using a range of different research methods. Volunteers may also be involved in research design and the analysis of findings.

Outreach

We often have stalls at events around Newcastle, including during the summer at events such as Newcastle Pride and the Newcastle Mela. We also run stalls at smaller events and local community venues throughout the year.

Volunteers get to talk to and listen with people in our community, and help point them in the right directions in accessing health and social care services or making a complaint.

Get in touch

All you need to do is tell us how much time you are willing to set aside and in what capacity you would like to volunteer. We will let you know if we have a suitable position available.

Email info@healthwatchnewcastle.org.uk or complete the form [here](#)

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*)

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 support 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

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:

- * Main Reception Volunteer
- * Bank Ward Helper
- * Collection Box 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

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.

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 and connected to their community.

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 a month on weekends. Food and Hygiene certificate would be an advantage but not essential.

Rosie shantibeeinfo@gmail.com

BROADMEAD LUNCHES (RVS)

The new community lunch club – tasty food and great company.

This friendly lunch club is run by dedicated volunteers, you'll find delicious homemade food and a chance to meet up with old friends – or even make some new ones.

Where: Broadmead Way Community Church
90 Broadmead Way, West Benwell, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne NE15 6TS

When: Every MONDAY
(you can join us for lunch any Monday)

Time: 12noon-2pm

Fee: Only £2.50 per session

If you or someone you know could do with some company, or are just trying to get back on your feet after an illness or injury, why not come along? We'd love to see you.

To find out more please contact:

Ray Tolley (Volunteer Co-ordinator)

M: 07709 770945

E: office@bmwcc.org.uk

'I realised very early the power of food to evoke memory, to bring people together, to transport you to other places, and I wanted to be a part of that.' **Jose Andres Purerta**

In partnership with Royal Voluntary Service, Broadmead Way Community Church and Search

FREE ENTERPRISE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN IN NEWCASTLE AT THE MILLIN CHARITY

The Millin Charity provides enterprise opportunities for women who are thinking about self-employment or in the process of becoming self-employed. We will be delivering a range of courses and workshops starting from later this month from our Enterprise Hub at The Beacon, Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 9PQ .

A CHANCE TO TRADE

Our #ACHANCETOTRADE Project supports women to fast-track their business ideas to start selling to the public. Through this project, women will have access to a range of accredited training, one-to-one support, business workshops and trading opportunities.

- **ONE-TO-ONE BUSINESS ADVICE** Weekly appointments available
Receive one-to-one business advice and support to help you with your business ideas. [Find out more here...](#)

SPECIALIST ENTERPRISE WORKSHOP: REGISTERING WITH HMRC & COMPLETING A TAX RETURN

Tuesday 12th March 10.00am-12.00pm

This session covers basic legal requirements including how to register your business, business structures and what is needed to do self-assessment. [Find out more here ...](#)

- **MONTHLY NETWORKING MEETINGS**

Tuesday 5th March 10.00am-12.00pm

We will be hosting monthly networking meetings for members of the project to meet and chat with other women who are at various stages of self-employment. These meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month from 10am-12pm. [Find out more here ...](#)

- **SELLING YOUR SERVICE BUSINESS - 8 sessions** Level 1 Accredited Training

Assessment: Thursday 9th May 9.30-11.30am

Start Date: Thursday 16th May 9.30am-12.30pm (3 hours per session) continuing weekly until 11th July (no session during half term)

This course supports women who have a service that they want to transform into a business. This might include hairdressing, personal training, dog walking etc. [Find out more here ...](#)

- **TRADING OPPORTUNITIES AT POP-UP MARKETS**

We have opportunities for women to take a stall at a monthly market event in Newcastle, to enable them to gain hands on experience of trading to the public.

B COLLECTIVE

[B Collective](#) is The Millin Charity's developing social business which provides opportunities for local women who are exploring or in the process of becoming self-employed. [Click here to read more.](#) We have a range of workshops coming up which will be delivered by the self-employed women who have worked with & supported the B Collective project to grow.

- **WORKING WITH A DESIGNER TO DEVELOP PRODUCT DESIGNS**

Tuesday 26th February 10.00 am - 11.30 am

This session will be led by local artist, Polly Westergaard, who has designed B Collective's exciting new range. During this session Polly will share tips and suggestions to consider when working with an artist to elevate a brand, product or service. [Find out more here](#)

- **STORYTELLING WITH SOCIAL MEDIA and BUILDING A BRAND ONLINE - 2 sessions**

Wednesday 27th February & Wednesday 4th March 10.00am-12.00pm

These sessions will be led by Hannah Layford, who has supported B Collective's Social Media Platforms. During these sessions, Hannah will look at how to use storytelling through social media to help promote your own business, how to create an authentic voice and where to start when creating a social media strategy. [Find out more here](#)

GET IN TOUCH

To join any of the above sessions or workshops, please contact us directly:

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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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