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Volunteering Opportunities

Volunteering Locally

Activity & Outdoors

Hambleton Strollers

Organisation Purpose: To improve the fitness and health of local people, especially those who do little exercise and are at risk of poor health, by promoting walking for good health.

Volunteering roles:

Walk Leaders and Planners - Leaders and back-up leaders are needed for short (under 1 hour) health walks, aimed at less active people.

Stokesley Pride in our Town Association (SPIOTA)

Organisation Purpose: To make Stokesley a more agreeable place in which to live.

Volunteering roles:

Planting and Maintaining Displays and Pots - Outdoor work in and around Stokesley, working in a small team.

Residential / Full-time

Volunteering Matters

Organisation purpose: Volunteering Matters' vision is of a society where everyone can participate to build strong and inclusive communities. Our mission is to enable people to take an active role in their communities. Volunteering with Volunteering Matters enables people of all ages and backgrounds to reap the benefits of putting something back.

Volunteering roles:

Social Care Volunteers - Volunteering Matters are looking for volunteers who wish to gain skills and experience in social or health care fields. All our placements are full-time for between 6 - 12 months and are located across the UK.

Heritage Camp Volunteer - If you are aged between 16 and 25, why not spend a week in the summer volunteering to help preserve Britain's beautiful historic buildings? It is a great opportunity if you are thinking about a career in heritage conservation or working towards a Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Minibus/Car driver - Volunteers are needed to drive, either their own car or our minibus to pick up clients from their home and take them to our social centre plus returning them later.

Shopping Escort - To assist clients with their food shopping.

Occasional Clothes Shopper— To assist with buying clothes.

Minibus Passenger Assistant - to assist the driver when collecting and returning clients.

My Guide - Sighted Guide Volunteer.

South Tees Hospitals—James Cook & Friarage

Therapeutic Care Volunteers

Forget-me-not Volunteers

Maternity Volunteer

PALS Assistant

Pharmacy Service volunteer

Bereavement Service.

I.T. / Websites

Great Ayton Discovery Centre

Organisation Purpose: To run an active Community Centre for the village of Great Ayton.

Volunteering roles:

Create & Maintain a Website - Create and regularly maintain the website.

Stokesley Community Library/ The Globe

Organisation Purpose: Providing services for the Community.

Volunteering roles:

I.T. Support - Helping library clients with everyday I.T. Use.

Aegis Counselling Service CIC

Organisation Purpose: To provide accessible counselling for adults, young people and children.

Administration Assistant - Data input, filing, answering telephone stationery stock.

Animals

R.S.P.C.A

Organisation Purpose: The RSPCA is the world's leading animal welfare organisation and volunteers are its backbone.

Volunteering roles:

Volunteer Dog Walker - To assist the centre with dog walking and socialising of dogs.

Voluntary Kennel Assistant - To assist the animal centre staff with the cleaning duties in the kennels.

Voluntary Cattery Assistant - To provide care for cats in the centre under the direction of the animal centre manager.

Home Visitor - To visit the homes of potential adopters to ensure their suitability for an RSPCA animal and to revisit homes to ensure that the adoption has been a success.

Royal National Institute for the Blind

Organisation purpose: working with people who live with a visual impairment.

Volunteering roles:

Technology & Digital skills support - Helping people with sight loss to make use of everyday technology. The technology support squad set up computers, tablets, smartphones, TV's and talking books. Resolving any IT problems and getting people on line.

Various Roles - Community Network, event organisers and supporters, public speakers.

Action for Blind People

Organisation purpose: Working with people who live with a visual impairment.

Volunteering roles:

Employment Support Volunteer -

Living with Sight Loss Course Volunteer -

Office Support Administration - based in Middlesbrough.

Teesside & District Society for the Blind

Organisation purpose: Promoting independence for people with a visual impairment living within the Middlesbrough, Stockton & Redcar & Cleveland boundaries.

Volunteering roles:

Home Visitor - Volunteers visit people in their own homes. Involves having a cup of tea & a chat, reading mail, writing replies or accompanying a client to an appointment.

Health & Social Care

Herriot Hospice Homecare

Organisation purpose: To provide a high quality of care to patients with a life-limiting illness, who wish to remain at home.

Volunteering roles:

Volunteer Befriender - A volunteer can provide companionship and support during difficult times. They may visit in the home, take the patient out for a drive or maybe shopping.

Volunteer Sitter - To stay with patients in their own home to enable a carer to have a break.

Volunteer Driver - Help with transport is offered when family and friends are not available.

Bereavement Counsellor -

Volunteer Fundraiser -

Administration - To help at office in Northallerton.

Charity Shop Helper - shops are located in Northallerton and Stokesley.

Breathing space

Organisation purpose: To provide a breathing space for people with learning difficulties and their carers.

Volunteering roles:

Helper - helping with organised trips out.

Trustee - Trustee for the registered charity. Trustees bring their skills to a charity and help the overall running of the charity.

Children & Young People

Stokesley Kids Club

Organisation Purpose: To provide before and after school care for children.

Volunteering roles:

Helping at club - playing with children, helping with homework.

Stepping Stones Playgroup

Organisation Purpose: A perfect start to a child's education.

Volunteering roles:

Playgroup Volunteer - Working as part of a team, engaging with children aged two and a half to five years.

Kirkby Cub Scouts

Organisation Purpose: The aim of the Scout Association is to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their physical, intellectual, social & spiritual potential.

Volunteering roles:

Assistant Cub Scout Leader -

1st Stokesley Scout Group

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Volunteering roles:

Cub Scout Assistants -

Scout Assistants -

Stokesley Children's Centre

Organisation Purpose: To provide activities to support the whole family— including young babies, families and parents.

Volunteering roles:

Children's Centre Volunteer - various roles

Stokesley Drop-in

Organisation Purpose: a drop-in for young people on a Thursday evening at the Fire Station.

Volunteering roles:

Drop-in helper - Help during the evening by engaging with the young people.

The National trust

Organisational purpose: Looking after special places forever, for everyone.

Volunteering roles:

Examples: Gardeners at Nunnington Hall or Day Maker at Brimham Rocks.

Tools Workshop

Organisation purpose: To recycle old tools and other objects such as furniture.

Volunteering roles:

Help in the Workshop - Help recycle tools alongside other volunteers, some of whom are disabled.

Fundraising

Teesside Hospice Care Foundation

Heart Research

R.N.I.B.

Barnardos

Samaritans

Jerry Green Dog Rescue

Organisation purpose: Dog rescue organisation—Nationwide.

Volunteering roles:

Office Volunteer -

Community Volunteer - to help with fundraising and raising the profile.

Dog Care Volunteer - to help enrich the day to day lives of the dogs in their care.

Children & Young People

North Yorkshire Youth

Organisation purpose: Working with young people in North Yorkshire.

Volunteering roles:

Youth Buddy - developing a relationship with a young person in order to provide social and developmental support for that young person.

Conservation

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

Organisational purpose:

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust works for a Yorkshire rich in wildlife, valued and enjoyed by people.

Volunteering roles:

Practical Conservation Volunteer – Northern Region - To assist the Field Officer in the day to day management of our nature reserves for the benefit of wildlife, conservation and people. Tasks could be: scrub clearance, planting, footpath work, fencing along with using various hand tools.

Health & Social Care

Age UK

Organisation purpose: Age UK provides a wide range of services to help older people.

Volunteering roles:

Telephone Befriending / Support service - Providing a supportive but non-emergency telephone befriending service.

Home from Hospital - Helping people settle back into their home environment.

Age UK shop assistant - Get involved in helping at the Stokesley shop.

Yatton House Society

Organisation purpose: A place for people with learning disabilities.

Volunteering roles:

Learning Disabilities Volunteer - To share life skills with people who have a learning disability. Help with various sessions at the Day Centre.

Hutton Rudby Wednesday Social Club

Organisation purpose: Offering the elderly / lonely, warm and friendly , cheerful and social company.

Volunteering roles:

Social Group Helper - Volunteers needed to be a part of a small team to ensure that the clients have an enjoyable day.

Stokesley & District Community Care Association

Organisation purpose: The Community Care Association aims to reach out into the local community, identify caring needs and assist in the establishment of support for the individual or group.

Volunteering roles:

Befriender - Spend an hour or two each week or fortnight befriending a lonely, isolated, disabled or elderly person.

Respite Sitter - This service enables a persons regular carer to have up to 3 hours a week break from caring. Three hours may not seem very much but to a carer it is invaluable. It allows the carer to go out on their own, knowing the person they care for is well looked after.

Minibus Drivers - The Community Care Association runs a rural minibus service, collecting people from their own homes, bringing them into town to go shopping or attend the Luncheon Club. The minibuses also take people out on day trips.

Day Centre helper— To support qualified paid staff in the running of the centre.

Centre open each Monday and Wednesday 10am—3pm

Nepacs

Organisation purpose: We support prisoners and ex-prisoners, their families and friends; to reduce the impact and stigma of imprisonment on their lives and contribute to the positive rehabilitation of offenders.

Volunteering roles:

Family Support Volunteer - Volunteers in this role will offer 1:1 support, information and guidance to families of prisoners, and this may develop to offering support to prisoners. The volunteer will be offering a listening ear and emotional support as well as signposting people to other agencies, and offering some practical support.

Tea Bar Volunteer - Volunteers in this role will be based in the Tea Bar in the prison visits hall inside the prison. Volunteers will serve visitors with refreshments during visiting hours.

Animals

The Cinnamon Trust

Organisation purpose: We are a national charity for elderly and terminally ill people & their pets. We aim to give owners peace of mind and practical help.

Volunteering roles:

Volunteer Dog Walker - Dog Walking - picking up the dog from the owner, taking him/her for a walk and then returning the dog back to his/her owner.

Volunteer Fosterer - Fostering of a pet in the volunteer's own home - times and length of stay by prior agreement.

As part of your role we also work with vulnerable people who are struggled to manage their mail and finances. We help people organise their mail, recognise scams, make sure they have payment methods in place for their bills and have means to access their accounts in the way that best suits them.

We offer training and support for our new recruits and a huge amount of flexibility.

Circles - Yorkshire & Humberside

Organisation purpose: Yorkshire & Humberside Circle of Support & Accountability is a community response to sexual offending, working in partnership with criminal justice agencies.

Volunteering roles:

Circle Member - Becoming a volunteer involves being part of a Circle which consists of 4 - 6 volunteers, initially meeting on a weekly basis as a group with the core member; Circles usually last for about a year. Volunteers receive training and ongoing support and supervision to enable them, in turn, to support and hold to account the core member appropriately.

St Giles Trust

Organisation purpose: To break the cycle of disadvantage by helping ex-offenders and other disadvantaged and marginalised groups maximise their potential.

Volunteering roles:

Mentoring Ex-Offenders - Tailored support to meet the needs of each client referred to the project.

Open Gate

Organisation purpose: The project supports women from custody to community to help reduce risks of re-offending.

Volunteering roles:

Mentoring Women Offenders - from custody to community.

Passenger Assistant - Assisting passengers on the minibus.

Rural transport scheme run by The Community Care Association.

Lunch Club Volunteer - Lunch Club is on a Thursday at 12 noon, in the Town Hall. A lunch and a dessert are provided with tea/coffee to finish. This is also an opportunity to meet and chat with others.

Lunch Club Cook - To cook a dessert for the Lunch Club clients & work with other volunteers on a rota basis.

Coffee pop-in volunteer - Friday afternoon refreshments are served in Stokesley Town Hall from 12 noon to 2.00pm. Tea/coffee/orange juice and toasted teacakes or homemade cakes are available. Volunteers serve the general public.

Car Drivers - The car scheme transports passengers to medical / social appointments. Volunteer drivers use their own cars and are reimbursed for their mileage. Many clients are elderly and frail and may need a high degree of assistance. This is a time flexible opportunity.

Chairaerobics helper - help to run a popular aerobics session for people in chairs. Thursday mornings weekly.

Craft Club helper - help elderly or disabled people to enjoy doing craft in a friendly environment.

PrimeTime helper - Fun exercise session – indoor bowls (Boccia) and indoor curling! Volunteers help to run the sessions.

The Leven Club

Organisation purpose: The Leven Club is connected with The Link, a Mental Health group in Northallerton.

Volunteering roles:

Leven Social Club supporter: Each Tuesday afternoon a group meets up in Town Close, above the Library in Stokesley. It is a social gathering, a time for a chat, cup of tea/coffee etc.

Yorkshire Ambulance Service

Organisation purpose: The Community First Responder Scheme.

Volunteering roles:

Hambleton Community First Responder - Work with the ambulance service in emergency incidents, become a local team member.

Heritage

Captain Cook Schoolroom Museum (Seasonal)

Organisation purpose: To promote knowledge and understanding of the education and achievements of one of the greatest navigators, explorers and chart makers that this country has produced.

Volunteering roles :

Museum assistant - Greeting visitors, many of them from overseas - mainly Australians and Canadians. Answering queries and serving in the small museum shop.

Samaritans

Organisation purpose: To give support and non-judgemental help for callers who are in crisis or suicidal.

Volunteering roles:

Listening or Support Volunteer - A volunteer will be given full training to equip them with the skills needed to listen effectively to vulnerable, depressed, lonely or sometimes suicidal callers. It is a very fulfilling opportunity to be available day or night for someone who has got no one to talk to in confidence. We are non judgmental and listen with empathy. We are non religious and non political .

Fundraising - Helping with fundraising to maintain the building and activities of a Samaritans branch. Street Collections, supermarket collections, mail shots, contributing ideas. helping with funding applications.

Administration - Helping in the office.

Web Design and IT Skills - To provide advice and assistance. Occasional commitment, as and when required.

North Yorkshire Advocacy

Organisation purpose : North Yorkshire Advocacy is a charitable organisation looking to recruit Volunteer Advocates in the Stokesley area to join our team in supporting vulnerable people. We offer opportunities to help our clients have their voices heard, secure their rights, represent their interests and obtain the services they need. Advocates work in partnership with the people they support and take their side.

Volunteering roles:

Volunteer Advocate - The role involves visiting clients in their own homes, occasionally in hospital or accompanying them to appointments with other professionals or organisations to ensure they feel they are able to express their point of view. Advocates do not give advice, but seek to support people understand their options and help them action their decisions.

I.T. / Website

Samaritans

Advice, Support & Counselling

Citizens Advice Bureau

Organisation purpose: To provide independent, professional advice.

Volunteering roles:

Advisor - To provide independent and professional advice.

Gateway Assessors - working with clients either face to face, telephone or web-chat to give an initial assessment of the client's situation.

Witness Service— Court Based Volunteer - To help witness (family and friends) deal with the experience of attending court and giving evidence.

Witness Service— Outreach Volunteer - As an outreach volunteer, you'll support witnesses who feel vulnerable or intimidated by meeting them in a safe place like their home, a school or community centre.

Ssaifa

Organisation purpose: The national charity helping serving and ex-service men, women and their families, in need.

Volunteering roles:

Caseworker - A friend to a friend - To act as a friend to those who have served or are serving in the Armed Forces and their families. To assess any problems they have and help them to solve them. 14 million people in the UK are eligible for our help.

Great Ayton All Saints Church (Seasonal)

Organisation purpose: Historic local church.

Volunteering roles:

Guide - Guide visitors around a beautiful historic church.

Community

Stokesley Community Library - The Globe

Organisation purpose: To provide library services for the community.

Volunteering roles:

Library & Information Assistant - To provide a range of library services to clients with the support of qualified library staff. This may include: helping visitors find materials, issuing books and other materials, informing visitors how to reserve books, explaining how the library works, basic use of the IT equipment, restocking the shelves after returns.

Volunteer Coordinator - To support Library manager with rota for volunteers, volunteer communications, keep volunteers database up to date.

Administrative roles - Admin/clerk, social media/website/blogs.

Working Group Member - to devise & Support the delivery of activities and events relating to the Globe.

Project Group Member - To sit on one-off project groups to deliver specified goals.

I.T. Buddy - Supporting people with IT issues.

Library Book Deliverer - To provide a Delivery Service of library books to the household.

Great Ayton Discovery Centre

Organisation purpose: To run an active community centre for the village of Great Ayton.

Volunteering roles:

Front of House - Meeting and greeting a variety of customers in the Discovery Centre., helping customers borrow, return and find books, re-shelving books.

Trustee - Trustees attend quarterly meetings and support events

Create & Maintain Website - create and maintain the Centre's Website.

Town Close - extra care housing scheme

Organisation purpose: Town Close is an extra care housing scheme run by Broadacres.

Volunteering roles:

NYCC—Countryside Service

Organisation purpose: Looking after the countryside in many different ways.

Volunteering roles:

Various - Rights of way maintenance, Rights of way surveys & Conservation tasks.

Guisborough Forest & Walkway

Organisation purpose: Guisborough Forest and Walkway is run in partnership with Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council and the Forestry Commission, with help from the North York Moors National Park Authority, and the Friends of Guisborough Forest and Walkway .

Volunteering roles:

Countryside Volunteer - The role of the Countryside Volunteer is to assist the Countryside Ranger in a variety of outdoor conservation and woodland management tasks, including (but not limited to) tree planting, vegetation removal, digging, pond work, grass cutting, fencing repairs & footpath work.

Country Park Visitors Centre Shop - Volunteers are welcome to support the running of the Visitors Centre Shop.

Administration & Secretarial

Citizens Advice Bureau

Herriot Hospice

Cancer Research Shop

N Y Moors

Volunteering in the wider area

Activity & Outdoors

Unicorn Centre

Organisation purpose: Our aim is to provide riding for people with disabilities in an inclusive, safe and supportive environment that will allow each individual to achieve their full potential.

Volunteering roles:

Riding for the disabled - To assist disabled riders in their lessons by leading or side walking, and to help with general stable yard work. Volunteers who are willing to fundraise would also be appreciated.

Supported Volunteer Programme - Supporting individuals to achieve goals.

North Yorkshire Moors

Organisation purpose: To protect and enhance the North Yorkshire Moors.

Volunteering roles:

Various - Hedge Planting, trod clearance, dry stone walling, bracken control, bird box building, tree planting, ditch clearance, preserving archaeological sites, improving access & office administration.

Great Ayton Methodist Lunch Club

Organisation purpose: Providing a lunch club. Tuesdays weekly, term time only.

Volunteering roles:

Lunch club helper - help to prepare food or to serve lunches.

Great Ayton Tourist Information Centre (Seasonal)

Organisation purpose: to operate a Tourist Information centre for visitors and local population.

Volunteering roles:

Information centre helper - A small but well stocked tourist centre dispensing information on local attractions.

Retail

Teesside Hospice

Organisation purpose: To enhance the quality of life of those suffering from a life-limiting illness.

Volunteering roles:

Shop helper - sorting, pricing, till work, helping customers.

Age UK

Organisation purpose: Uphold and secure the rights of elderly people, combat poverty, reduce isolation, defeat ageism.

Volunteering roles:

Shop helper - Generally helping out in the shop and being part of the team.

Book Experts - Help sort books.

Mind

Organisation purpose: Our vision is of a society that promotes and protects good mental health for all, and that treats people with experience of mental distress fairly, positively and with respect.

Volunteering roles:

General shop work - Working behind the scenes processing donations, pricing goods or working on the shop floor. People with interests in antiques, books, coins, etc., to help with valuing items.

Herriot Hospice

Organisation purpose: Herriot Hospice Homecare is a hospice without walls—providing care to patients in their own homes.

Volunteering roles:

Shop helper - Sorting, pricing and till work.

Cancer Research

Organisation purpose: We pioneer life saving research to bring forward the day when all cancers are cured, from our volunteers and supporters to our scientists doctors and nurses we are all here to save more lives and prevent, control and cure all cancers.

Volunteering roles:

Customer Service Assistant -

Stock processing assistant -

Recruitment Coordinator -

Visual merchandiser -

Admin Assistant -