



Community^{CVS}
Support Action Resource Volunteer

Volunteer Bulletin

December 2021

If you are interested in any of the volunteer opportunities please ring the Boulevard Centre on 01254 583957 to speak to an advisor. We are unable to provide a drop-in service at this time.

Volunteer Opportunities

Mobility Aids Volunteering – Preston

Agency: British Red Cross

Hours: Flexible

Details: Our mobility aids teams help hire out wheelchairs and other mobility equipment to people who may have an illness or have suffered an accident, and we are looking to recruit more volunteers in Preston to help run the centre, as well as promote the service to potential beneficiaries.

Typical tasks include: Taking calls and enquiries from people wanting to borrow a wheelchair.

Giving information about other Red Cross services, where appropriate

Updating service user records and other administrative tasks using computer based systems

Demonstrating how to use and look after our wheelchairs



Receiving and recording donations

What we are looking for

Someone who:

Is willing to uphold the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and adhere to the Society's Equal Opportunities Policy

Is willing to act in accordance with our values and behavior's framework

Is willing to uphold people's dignity at all times

Is willing to attend induction and appropriate training

Is willing to use our IT systems and has basic IT skills

Enjoys meeting people and helping them to remain independent

Has good communication skills.

Has been familiarised with any equipment required to carry out the role.



Recovery Support Volunteers

Agency: Fast 4wd

Hours: To be agreed

Details:

We are looking for volunteers to assist us with this project helping to support individuals accessing substance misuse services in the Blackburn with Darwen area.

Providing a level of advocacy and mentoring to individuals, helping them to achieve goals and targets set out in their recovery plans and empowering them to take positive steps and aid in the enhancement of their recovery journey. An interest in helping or



working in the area of substance misuse, Patience, empathic, good listening skills and enthusiasm.

Insight into this particular area would be an advantage gained through personal or academic means.

Experience would be helpful, however training and support will be an on-going process. Ring Steve Foden on 07547 566054 for a chat about the role.

Peer Support Facilitator

Agency: Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide

Hours: To be confirmed

Details:

This is a new opportunity that is being set up in central Blackburn area.

If you have been bereaved by suicide and have the desire to help other people who have also been bereaved by suicide, as a great communicator and are comfortable listening to the experiences of others then you could be just the person they are looking for.

You must be over 18 and have been bereaved by suicide more than two years ago.

Blackburn with Darwen Friends of the Local Offer

Agency: SENDIAS

Hours: To be confirmed

Details:

Working together to get it right in Blackburn with Darwen



What is a Friend of the Local Offer?

We are parents who have experienced and or know about the range of services and support available through the Local Offer. We're well-placed to tell other parents about the Local Offer and the help and support that's out there. As well as encouraging families to engage in participation opportunities. Helping to capture the view and feedback of families to help improve the services and support available to them.

Who can become a FoLO?

Any parent on the Participation Register. The Participation Register is held by Blackburn with Darwen SENDIASS. It's a database of parents who are signed up to receive regular information and are invited to events, training, consultation and the ongoing co-production of services.

What's involved in becoming a FoLO?

Give as little or as much time as you like. There is an initial introductory training session available to give you a good understanding of the Local Offer. All that is asked of a FOLO is that you 'pass it on' to other parents. Just making them aware of the Local Offer in the everyday conversations you have with other parents. There could be more training and support for those that want it.

FOLO are represented on the Friends of the Local Offer Steering Group – this helps to make sure feedback from parents on the ground is collated and along with other sources of parental feedback, informs the strategic decision making involving Special Educational Needs and Disability Services.

Interested or want to find out more?

Contact: Blackburn with Darwen SENDIASS

Email: jane.partington@communitycvs.org.uk

Tel: 01254 503049

Facebook: Jane Partington Blackburn with Darwen SENDIASS

Blackburn Round Table Santa Sleigh Collection,

Hours: 14 December approx. 5:30pm - 9pm TBC,
Brownhill area of Blackburn



Agency: Blackburn Round Table

Details: They will be bringing Father Christmas and his sleigh around the streets of Blackburn this year, to delight children and raise funds for local charities and good causes! Once again, ELHT&Me are delighted to have been chosen as one of the charities to benefit from the event and are seeking volunteers to help bucket collect on the night. Interested? If you are good at communicating with people, enjoy helping others and would like to know about how you can help your local hospital charity make a difference, by sparing a few hours of your time, please contact fundrasing@elht.nhs.uk for more information. Please note volunteers must be 16 or over

Volunteer Leaders

Agency: Immanuel Cubs/Scouts, Feniscowles, Blackburn

Hours: To Be arranged

Details: Are you looking for an opportunity to Volunteer with young people?

Team player? Love supporting young people? Great at planning?

Most of our volunteers work directly with young people aged 6-18 through our Beaver, Cub, Scout and Explorer groups, known as sections – helping young people gain skills for life through activities and adventures.

Working in teams, they might:



- Welcome young people and families to sessions and events
- Make sure everyone's safe, supported, included and having fun
- Help to plan and lead activities
- Get involved with days out, camps and expeditions
- Share and learn skills – from coding to cake decorating to canoeing
- Celebrate young people's achievements big and small

No previous experience with young people? No problem. Whether you'd like to help out week-after-week or whenever-you-can, we provide training, learning opportunities and cups of tea – every step of the way. Come and see us doesn't matter if you come along once or stay to be a leader you are welcome

For more information please contact Susie Veevers -

jjrwjsmith@btinternet.com

Mobile 07984448338

Volunteer Drivers

Agency: Travel Assist Service Ltd

Hours: Flexible

Details: Volunteer Drivers are needed to help deliver our Door to Door service for vulnerable people.



Travel Assist's main social objectives to make transport accessible to the people who experience difficulties accessing main stream transport.

Travel Assist provides transport services in the following areas:

Door to Door service for vulnerable people

Patient Transport on behalf of Northwest Ambulance Service Trust in Lancashire and South Lakes.

Urban Registered Bus Routes, Rural Registered Bus Routes.

Accessible Minibuses that can be booked by community based groups for their transport needs - EG days out, trips to the theatre and meetings.

For people who live independently Travel Assist created an Out and About Club which runs trips which individuals can book themselves onto.

By becoming a volunteer with Travel Assist you can be assured that your time will be valued, and all your efforts will make a real difference to the lives of vulnerable people within our community. Generous out of pocket expenses are paid. Those volunteers looking for a useful addition to their CV, Travel Assist offers a real working environment that will provide a meaningful work experience.

The main skill required is a desire to be part of a team that is committed improve public transport for the local community.

Contact James Coulthard at Travel Assist Service Ltd

travelassist@btconnect.com

Music and Films Assistant

Agency: Salvation Army Trading-Darwen Shop or Accrington Shop

Hours: Flexible

Details: Do you enjoy music, films and games? Have you heard of The Sims, The Flintstones or the rolling stones? Do you know what these are? If you do, we need your help. We are looking for knowledgeable people to support our team and help sort, price, research and display our donations of games, DVDs and Music



Inpatient Clinical Volunteer

Agency: East Lancashire Hospice

Hours: Flexible Daytime

Details: Have an open, caring approach towards the patient and those that matter to them, whilst being sensitive to their need for privacy

Receive a handover of individual patient needs specific to your role at the start of your shift

Alongside clinical staff, help to support patients with activities of daily living including for example assisting with hygiene needs, movement, eating and drinking and recreational activity

Enhance the wellbeing of patients and those that matter to them by supporting the creation of special memories through events, activities, food and drink. This might include for example: reading, conversation, board games, music and crafts, taking refreshment orders

Provide support for the Inpatient Unit reception, answering the telephone, taking accurate messages, welcoming visitors and escorting people to other parts of the hospice.

Support the team in maintaining a tidy and welcoming environment including for example: keeping rooms clutter free including IPU kitchen, removing wilting flowers

Provide feedback to the nursing team on how to enhance the experience of patients and families

What we will do for you:

Provide education to support you in your volunteer role including for example:

Communication skills, Foundations in clinical care, Bereavement workshop

Provide a buddy/mentor to support and guide you

Provide regular meetings to discuss the role, your experiences and any ideas or feedback you have.

Hospice Shop Volunteer

Agency: East Lancashire Hospice

Hours: 3-4 hours per week on a fixed day

Details: What we would like you to do



1. To ensure all volunteers comply with current policies and procedures applicable to the role
2. To undertake training and development applicable to the role.
3. To project a friendly approach to patients, staff, volunteers, visitors and customers at all times
4. To respect all information concerning volunteers, employees and patients as strictly confidential at all times.
5. To ensure that all Health and Safety Rules are adhered to at all times. No appliance or equipment should be operated unless training has been undertaken and you are deemed competent to use it
6. To sort through donated goods – separate items that are suitable for sale from those that are not
7. To place clothes on hangers and steam iron ready to be priced.

The East Lancashire Hospice are also looking for volunteers for these roles:

Gardens

General Maintenance

Reception

Warehouse Volunteer

For more details of these vacancies check their website

www.eastlancshospice.org.uk/volunteer-vacancies



Arts volunteer

Agency: Bureau Blackburn

Hours: To be Confirmed

Details:

The Bureau Blackburn is now open again and looking for Arts Volunteers to assist with the running of the bureau.

More details are available from info@bureaublackburn.co.uk

For further details contact
The Boulevard Centre, Railway Road, Blackburn,
BB1 1EZ



Tel 01254 583957,

Email: office@communitycvs.org.uk

Tuesday Morning drop-in to speak to an advisor is now back from 10am to 12 noon.

If you would like an opportunity added to the next Bulletin please drop us an email by 11th December and we will include it in the bumper New Year's Edition.

