



Magherafelt Volunteer Vacancies

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Befriender
Age 18+
Access NI check required

ADAPT NI is the only voluntary organisation in Northern Ireland, solely committed to “Building Equality and Inclusion through Accessibility”. We deliver a range of support services and capacity building projects which position disability equality as a right in order to drive up disabled peoples’ participation in culture arts and leisure activities.

To support the development of our audience development initiative, we are looking for people to volunteer as befrienders. The role is ideal for anyone interested in gaining practical experience of working with people with disabilities and / or experience of fulfilling a supportive role. This volunteer role is also suitable for those keen to improve communication skills, and anyone seeking an active role in promoting disability equality and inclusion.

This will entail project participation: to provide support through companionship:

- Travelling with disabled participants to, and from social and arts events / activities
- Providing a level of support specific to the individual (but not of a care / palliative nature)
- Being available for an agreed number of hours per week / month, with flexibility. Commitment will vary for individual volunteers and may involve unsociable hours and weekends

Volunteers should be sensitive to disability and enthusiastic about equality and accessibility. The role is suitable for anyone with an interest in the arts or looking to gain experience for study or work related to social care. Induction training will be provided.



Age 50+

Age Concern & Help the Aged in NI have joined together. We are a powerful new voice for older people – Age NI. Age NI is a local charity working to improve the lives of older people in Northern Ireland. We believe older people should be able to lead healthy and fulfilled lives, have adequate income, access to high quality services and the opportunity to shape their own future. We seek to provide a public voice for older people in Northern Ireland and to raise awareness of the issues of importance to them.

Peer Facilitators

The Peer Facilitator role will involve ensuring the voice of older people is heard at the heart of Age NI. You will identify, organise & facilitate sessions. Age NI are making & influencing decisions that will affect older people now & in the future. To do so we need to hear what affects them, we need personal accounts. Peer facilitators will organise discussions with older people in their local area on a range of issues and report the findings. They will report your findings to us. To do so full training will be provided all we ask is that you are over 50, have an interest in older people issues and desire to make things better for older people.

Consultative Forum Members

Make your voice heard – join the Age NI Consultative Forum. The forum will ensure that the voice of older people is heard and enable Age NI to listen and respond to older people and their issues. The role includes talking to Age NI about issues affecting older people, commenting on the work of Age NI, listening and talking to older people and ensuring that the voices of older people from all sections of the community are heard. You will have the opportunity to express your views; you will be part of a dynamic new organisation for older people and most importantly have the chance to influence decisions affecting older people.



Our vision is of a radically improved world for people with dementia. A world where they have their rights recognised where they fully contribute to family & community life & where they can live with dignity free from discrimination.

Fundraising Volunteers/ Occasional Fundraisers

Help us raise funds so that even more people with dementia, their carers and families can be supported. By joining the fundraising group in your local area you will be making a significant contribution towards achieving this.

Occasional fundraisers don't need to commit to the time needed to organise and plan events like regular fundraising volunteers. The Alzheimer's Society currently seeks to recruit individuals who are happy to be contacted when fundraising events are organised to see if they can help the regular fundraising volunteers at these events.

Information Support Volunteer

Help us raise awareness of dementia and the Alzheimer's Society in your local area. Your involvement will ensure information on our services is highly visible and readily available to the increasing numbers of those who need us.

Volunteer Driver

Help support people with dementia and their carers attend support groups, events, services and trips in your local area. Your involvement ensures those who cannot make their own way to our services are supported. You will need a full driving licence but you will be provided with transport and full training for the role.



**Barnardos Young Carers Scheme
Driver/Activity Helper
Age 18+
Access NI check required**

This organisation, which provides support and advice for young carers, requires drivers to transport young carers to and from group activities in the Cookstown and Magherafelt areas. Volunteers will be needed on a Monday evening, a Tuesday evening, or a Thursday evening. Volunteers are required to be involved with the young people in supervised activities and groups weekly.

**Shop Assistant
Rainey Street Carpark
16+**

We need volunteers that can use the cash register, chat to customers, sort through donations and price goods. Using the steamer could also be an option. Keeping the shop tidy and clean is important as is creating nice displays/merchandising. Retail Experience is a bonus but a willingness to learn is more important. Reliability essential ability to work alone/use own initiative.



Beacon Centre, Magherafelt Helpers and Drivers

Age 18+

Access NI check required

Volunteers are required for this Centre which provides support and day care for individuals who suffer from a mental illness. Volunteers will assist with the day-to-day activities at the Centre such as encouraging participation in activities including snooker, darts, pool and board games.

They will also help with the Outreach Programme, e.g. visits to local shops, leisure centre outings, etc. Assistance is also needed for supervising transport for Tuesday evening sessions. There is also a need for volunteer drivers.



Fundraisers/Supporters

We need you to support the Saving Lives in Magherafelt and District Appeal and help us to strengthen the chain of survival. Would you have a few hours to spare to help the local fundraising group? Volunteers are vital to everything we do and we cannot survive without them. They are our local ambassadors in their own communities and we find a lot of our volunteer opportunities give heart patients, their families and friends a chance to put something back after they have received help or assistance from us.

Collection Can Co-ordinators

To place and maintain collecting boxes in various local outlets in the Magherafelt area. You will be responsible for placing collecting boxes, empty them on a regular basis and bank and receipt any monies received. This is a great opportunity for someone to get out and about in the local community and support the Saving Lives in Magherafelt and District Appeal.

School Ambassadors

To visit local schools and promote our Jump Rope for Heart and Ultimate DodgeBall Initiatives. These exciting activities encourage children to take up exercise and allow schools to keep some of the money raised. Visiting schools to promote the initiatives - you will be supplied with brilliant resources and information packs to make your job easier. You will meet with the PE teacher and explain how it works and sign them up. The Jump rope is aimed at Primary schools and the Dodgeball is for Secondary schools. Schools receive a free resources pack worth £100, other materials, a training DVD and a support line. Past participants have told us that they love taking part. The children collect sponsorship to take part and the school keeps 20% of all the money raised.

Fundraising Group Leader

Coronary Heart Disease is the biggest killer in Northern Ireland.

Would you like to help heart patients and their families in your area?

We are setting up a fundraising group in Mid Ulster and we need people to get involved.

This is an opportunity to meet new friends, help Heart Patients in Northern Ireland and most of all have fun. You will not be doing this on your own – you will be part of a group who will organise events like coffee mornings, sales, BBQ's, Dances, Quizzes, Concerts, collections and lots more!!

The Fundraising group will have the support of the local Fundraising Volunteer Manager and everyone will be part of a winning team. You will have the chance to attend BHF NI events and meetings so that you see where the money raised is being spent.



Catholic Guides of Ireland

Magherafelt

Access NI check required

17+

To provide a challenging Guiding programme within a safe environment to enable all girls and young women to develop their full potential. To prepare our Guides to be resourceful responsible and to think for themselves. Emphasising the importance of family values and contribution to the community in which an individual lives.

Guiding invites you to fulfil many of the challenges that life has to offer through participation both as an individual as well as part of a community in the rich and varied programme of indoor and outdoor activities.

St Colmcilles meet every Thursday night in Magherafelt. No experience required – full training will be provided. Would be good to have a sense of humour, like working with children be ready to be part of a team and have fun. All of the leaders with CGI are volunteers this is reflective in their day to day activities. CGI would not be able to run without volunteers.



Discovering Kids Playgroup

The Loup, Moneymore

AccessNI check required

Playgroup Assistant 18+ (term-time only)

We're looking for caring, fun, creative volunteers to help look after children in our community playgroup. Bring your skills and ideas to the group for a rewarding experience. The volunteer will help care for the children's needs providing interaction, and assisting in supervising. The volunteer will work in the team, planning for children's needs and helping in the setup of activities.

Maintenance Person 16+

Come and be part of the team at Discovering Kids playgroup and help staff with the upkeep of the building. The maintenance person will be required to help clean the outdoor area-brushing up leaves, weeding, collecting litter, maintaining the fences (painting & fixing).

Administrator 16+

The administrator will be required to type letters to parents and organisations, use computer skills to make newsletters, file away reports, prepare written files for children.



Emergency Medical Care Mid-Ulster (EMC), Magherafelt

First Aiders

Age 16+

Access NI check required

Volunteers are the life blood of EMC; and anyone who has a keen aptitude in acquiring first aid skills to become part of a team, are warmly welcomed into this organisation.

Once a trainee is proficient in first aid and ambulance awareness procedures, they can assist at a wide range of duties which are ongoing throughout the year in Mid-Ulster. The two ambulances that EMC own are used to run a patient transportation service, and to provide medical cover at community events and sporting activities.

Fundraising is also a necessary activity for the organisation, and EMC equip their volunteers with free uniform, volunteer expenses and regular first aid training.



Emergency Medical Services, Magherafelt

Access NI Check required

First Aiders 16+ yrs

Volunteer Ambulance Drivers required (Age 25-65) – Valid Clean Driving License with CAT C1 & D1

EMS are professionally trained up to First Person on Scene and provide vital medical cover at events throughout Northern Ireland e.g. concerts, festivals, sporting events, Gymkhana, fun days and many more.

EMS provides ambulance talks to the Nursery and Preschool age groups across Northern Ireland. EMS assists those who are preparing for medical career by teaching anatomy and physiology in relation to first aid.



Good Morning Project, Magherafelt

Telephonist

Access NI Check required

Would you like to brighten up someone's day by being a good listener, engage in a little bit of chat, then become a good morning caller today. Good Morning provides a daily telephone/alert call to older and vulnerable people living in the Magherafelt District Council area. Telephone calls are made to 80 people from Monday to Friday between the hours of 9.00am – 1.00pm.



Include Youth Volunteer Mentors

AccessNI required
21+

The Give & Take Scheme provides a mentoring service to young people in need or at risk between the ages of 16 - 21 years old. The mentoring relationship will focus on the personal development of the young person.

Each young person will be matched with a mentor who will meet them for two to three hours per week for a period of one year. The individual mentoring relationship allows a structured and positive approach to engage young people. It provides the opportunity to create a non-judgemental relationship where young people have the opportunity to discuss issues that are affecting them. A mentor can help a young person to set and achieve goals, and develop their skills and sense of self.

We have young people living throughout the Northern Board area that volunteers would be participating in various social activities. It would be helpful if the volunteers could drive but if they are happy to use public transport that is fine. The northern board area covers **Antrim, Ballymena, Ballymoney, Carrickfergus, Coleraine, Cookstown, Larne, Magherafelt, Moyle and Newtownabbey.**



Gardeners Kilcronaghan Activity Centre/Youth Hostel Between Desertmartin and Draperstown

An ideal opportunity for someone who enjoys gardening to help maintain the activity centres lawns, flower beds and general outside duties.

A volunteer is required to carry out basic DIY and general light duties within the youth hostel in order to maintain a good level of safety. **TERM TIME ONLY 1-2 days per week.**



King Street Parent and Toddler Group 16+

The Toddler group was set up by a group of volunteers in January 2010 in the newly built parish centre. The aim was and is to provide a friendly and welcoming environment for parents/carers from all religious and ethnic groups to bring their pre-school children along to enjoy playing together, art, story-time and a light snack.

The Opportunity will be to provide the volunteer with a variety of work experiences in all aspects of running a toddler group. The successful applicant will gain the opportunity to work alongside other volunteers who have been running the group. The duties within the group are varied and include; welcoming the adults and toddlers at the registration desk, making new members aware of health and safety requirements, setting up the toys and equipment prior to the session beginning, assisting with the art table and story time, preparing tea, toast and juice for everyone and to assist with kitchen duties and cleaning/tidying the hall at the end of session.

When and Where?

Magherafelt Parish Centre, King Street, Magherafelt Tuesday Mornings



Guide Dogs

Guide Dogs want a world in which all blind and partially sighted people enjoy the same rights, opportunities and responsibilities as everyone else. Our mission is to provide guide dogs and other mobility services that increase the independence and dignity of blind and partially sighted people.

Sighted Guide

As a Sighted Guide you will help blind and partially sighted people feel less isolated and become more involved in their local communities. You can encourage and support someone in a wide range of everyday activities including going for a walk, attending a sports event or going shopping. Volunteer sighted guides that carry out such activities can develop confidence and greater participation and inclusion for a blind and partially sighted person. Guide Dogs will provide you with the skills and confidence to guide someone safely and offer ongoing support as and when needed. If you have any spare time we would love to hear from you.

Guide Dogs Ambassador

Ambassadors for the charity give talks and presentations about the valuable work of Guide Dogs within your community. Volunteers will be given guidelines at speaker training courses. This volunteer role will involve giving talks when requested to local organisations and groups within your local area. This will also involve attending cheque collections when requested by the local fundraising team and encouraging local organisations and groups to fundraise on behalf of Guide Dogs.

Fundraisers

We rely entirely on public generosity to sustain our services. Every year we receive help from thousands of volunteers, but we really do need more help. Fundraising Volunteers support Guide Dogs in many ways. They have a range of opportunities all of which help us to provide the mobility services that make such a difference to the lives of blind and partially sighted people.

Dinner Party Hosts

Guide Dogs are seeking dinner party hosts or hostesses. An elegant dinner party, a picnic in the park or a barbecue in the garden, all delicious excuses to try out new recipes and challenge your culinary skills

Budding Gardeners

Guide Dogs are seeking green fingered people to open their gardens for the charity. Your event can be large or small, you may even be able to organise an open day at the allotment or get the whole village involved!

Event organisers

Guide Dogs are seeking event organisers who would be willing to organise and host their own get together events for guide dogs from fashion shows, swishing parties, dinner parties, open gardens or even dress down (or up!) days in aid of Guide Dogs.

Coffee Morning hosts

Guide Dogs are seeking coffee morning hosts or hostesses An elegant coffee morning or afternoon tea or even a quick cuppa with some friends at home or at the office are all delicious excuses to try out new recipes challenge your culinary skills and eat cake!

Dog Walk Organisers

Guide Dogs are desperately seeking people to organise sponsored dog walks as part of our brand new Go walkies fundraising event. It's a dog walk with a difference as it's the dog that gets sponsored not the human! Your event can be large or small, anything goes! From a leisurely walk in the park, to an all out event with lots of four legged friends anything is possible. It couldn't be easier or more fun, invite your friends (and their dogs!) and just have a good time whilst raising money for guide dogs.

Your vital fundraising will help us to change the lives of the visually impaired in your community. There is no limit to what you could do, from a one off event to several throughout the year. Whatever you're thinking of – go for it for Guide Dogs!



Magherafelt and District Advice Service Magherafelt

This is the perfect opportunity to meet new people in a friendly atmosphere whilst learning a number of new skills. It will increase your confidence through ongoing support and supervision.

Receptionist/Administrator

The role involves working as part of a team of staff and volunteers in the main reception. This includes answering phones, taking messages, making appointments, recording client details and queries, photocopying and filing. As there may be quite an amount of confidential papers shredding will also be a large part of the post.

Research and Social Policy Information

This opportunity is for a volunteer to carry out research into the local area on issues such as poverty, debt, deprivation, social and rural isolation, housing, services and amenities with a view to the organisation working to improve these.

This opportunity has the potential to be a long standing opportunity for the Magherafelt District Council Area. The idea behind this is bringing our services to the multi deprivation areas and health action zone within the council area. Poverty and isolation issues are still fore front for the community so this volunteer opportunity would be one to assist the organisation research the issue areas, find out what help is needed, how best to target these areas and groups of people and put in place an action plan to tackle the issues arising. You will be largely working with the manager and outreach advisor or the organisation.

Local Need Researcher

This project will be a research project into the areas local need, through both statistical gathering and information gathered from community based groups. To research through the use of statistics and local community group information sources, what the local need of the area currently is. To research the changes which have occurred and the effects this has had on the local community. This research will be undertaken with a view to highlighting strategies and an action plan for the mdas to best serve and assist their local community.



Magherafelt Parish Centre

16+

Magherafelt Parish Centre seeks to provide a welcoming community facility for the local area. Facilities within the centre include a coffee shop, a snooker club, two kitchens, a board room and a hall which can accommodate up to 400 people. The centre aims to be responsive to local needs and support local initiatives.

Coffee Shop Assistant

Volunteering in the coffee shop offers a fantastic opportunity for people to contribute to developing the community spirit that exists within the centre. Volunteers will be given the opportunity to make new friends, learn or develop new skills and increase their self confidence and self esteem. Volunteers will be supported and encouraged by kitchen staff on a daily basis. There are several pieces of equipment in the coffee shop and informal training on how to use them will be provided, however, no one will be expected to operate any equipment they are not comfortable with.



**Mid-Ulster Child Contact Centre –
Magherafelt & Cookstown
Centre Helper**
Age 18+
Access NI check required

Mid Ulster Child Contact Centre aims to provide a child friendly, safe, neutral environment in which children can spend time with a parent or significant other person (e.g. Grandparent) with whom they no longer live following family separation.

Contact Centre Opening Hours:

Cookstown Centre: Wed 6.00pm - 7.30pm & Sat 11.00am - 1.00pm

Magherafelt Centre: Sat Mornings 10.00am – 12.00 noon

A rota is made out every three months and volunteers are asked to commit to one contact session per month. For most volunteers this would be one session every 4-5 weeks.



NEELB Youth Service
Magherafelt Youth Centre
18+
AccessNI required

An opportunity to be part of an enthusiastic staff team in a new purpose built Youth Centre in Magherafelt working with and supporting young people.

An opportunity is available for a group of volunteers aged 18+ to work with young people in the 8-18 age range in a variety of settings within the Youth Centre. Induction and training will be offered to those suitable as well as ongoing support and development. Commitment of 2 evenings per week is essential.

Weekly Friday Afternoon Club – Volunteers to work with primary school children on a Friday from 3.00pm to 5.00pm.

This opportunity will happen at the NEW Magherafelt Youth Centre, Princess Terrace Magherafelt.



**Out & About, Magherafelt
Volunteer Car & Minibus Drivers -25-75**
Access NI Check required

Out and about provide affordable and accessible transport to individuals and groups within the Magherafelt area in order that they can access a wide range of services. For the transport scheme to continue to grow and be successful, it is very important to have the support of the local community. Perhaps you or someone you know could spare a couple of hours per week to take an elderly person to the hospital or to do their weekly shopping. Remember, you get the satisfaction of helping someone less well off.



Order of Malta Ireland co-ordinates and manages a range of community services and organises pilgrimages to Lourdes and Knock annually. It also provides services to people with disabilities at **Malta Services Drogheda** and at **Malta Share, Lisnaskea**.

Order of Malta Ambulance Corps is a major provider of first aid training, ambulance transport and community care services in most of the major cities and towns throughout the island of Ireland. Through its youth section, Order of Malta Cadets (a National Youth Organisation), provides a full programme of youth development and sporting activities for young people.

Would you like the chance to work with the poor and sick, first aid cover at events, overseas aid work? If yes, then the Order of Malta is for you! Volunteering with us is your chance to make a difference to your community and in emergency relief areas. The Order of Malta Magherafelt meet in the Parish Centre Magherafelt.



Portglenone Enterprise Centre
Project Helper
Caretaker
Youth Club Helper

Portglenone Enterprise Group is a community based group which aims to improve the social, economical, educational and environmental well being of people residing in Portglenone and surrounding area. The group endeavours to bridge the gap between the two religious communities and ethnic groups through various projects. The aim is to address local needs also encouraging personal development and capacity building through projects.

The GLOW Project (Green Gym)

Portglenone Green Gym with the support of Conservation Volunteers Northern Ireland has been running for the past 3 years. We are currently working with adults with special needs and able bodied volunteers in the local community taking part in conservation and environmental projects in the local council areas enabling them to increase levels of physical activity, improving social well being and learning about the benefits of good exercising and healthy eating.

Project Helper

This volunteer role involves working with physically and mentally disabled people, those with learning difficulties and able bodied volunteers taking part in projects, enabling them to increase levels of physical activity, improve social well being and general health. Experience of gardening desirable but not essential just a willingness to help users of the project.

Caretaker

Portglenone Green Gym is looking for a Volunteer Caretaker - 5 hours a week, Wed, Thurs. Light gardening work, watering plants, tidying of Poly tunnel and surrounding area. This would suit a retired person who has a keen interest in gardening.

Bannside Youth Club

The Youth club runs once a week on a Friday night from 7.30 to 9.30. We have 20 to 30 members aged between 7 and 17 years of age. Games are run in the main hall football, volley ball, dodge ball etc. We also run arts and crafts and video games and a tuck shop. Weather permitting we go canoeing and have talks on safety with our local Community Rescue Service.

ACTION ON HEARING LOSS

Action on Hearing Loss- Formerly known as RNID

Age 18+

Access NI Check required

Action on Hearing Loss Northern Ireland represents the 260,000 people who are deaf, have a hearing loss or tinnitus, as well as their families and others who work with them or for their benefit. Our staff and volunteers offer a wide range of services, including communication, advice and information, care and employment services. We campaign in many areas and act to raise awareness of deafness in the country. You can become part of the volunteer team and help with our numerous activities, in varying places all over Northern Ireland.

There are many different tasks that you will be involved in such as:

Fundraising Volunteer

- Taking part in an organised Action on Hearing Loss collection
- Supporting Action on Hearing Loss fundraising team at events (may include registration, marshalling, welcoming participants, giving out refreshments)
- Promotion of events
- Attend cheque presentations
- Attend fundraising talks
- Join fundraising group and organise own events
- Drop off/pick up materials
- Manage collection boxes
- You can give as much or as little time as you want to this role.

Information Outreach Volunteer

Are you interested in making a difference to the lives of deaf and hard of hearing people living in Northern Ireland? Join our information team and help us to raise awareness and provide vital information on deafness and hearing loss in your local community. To assist the outreach volunteer team in their information activities including; Attending information 'clinics', updating and providing information to the general public in audiology clinics, GP surgeries, libraries etc

Befrienders

We are looking for volunteer befrienders to help make a difference to the lives of isolated deaf and hard of hearing people living in the local community. As a volunteer befriender you will spend time on a regular basis with an isolated deaf and hard of hearing person in your community. You will help to reduce isolation and loneliness by providing friendship and support. Suggested tasks are shopping trips, visits, other community activities and goal setting with befriender for year ahead. We are looking for volunteers who are open minded, empathetic and aware of issues affecting deaf and hard of hearing people. Ideally you will have BSL to at least Level 2 however this is not essential for all the people we support. This project covers people living in the Northern Trust.

Hearing Aid Volunteer

Do you wear a hearing aid? Could you help other hearing aid users adapt to using a hearing aid and to overcome initial problems they may encounter? Put those skills to use and join our volunteer team! Our hearing aid volunteers assist hearing aid users adapt to using a hearing aid and to overcome initial problems they may encounter. Volunteer would visit clients in their homes; give support and following the initial visit to the client, a volunteer would be asked to undertake a short period of support until an appropriate person e.g. family member, has been trained to take over the role.

We pay public transport rates and reimburse volunteer on a monthly basis.



Pin Badge Box Minder

By placing and visiting pin badge boxes in shops and busy locations near you, you can raise a potential £1,000 every year for the RSPB! This money is essential for us protect the wildlife and habitat in Northern Ireland. If you can help look after some boxes in your local area, please get in touch.

A friendly and personable approach, a high level of motivation, good communication skills and an ability to work on own initiative. Knowledge of shops, businesses and tourist attractions near you will be helpful for us to help you place boxes. The pin badge box will need re-stocking and the money collecting every 4-6 weeks (dependant on site). The money will need counting and banking at a post office nominated by you.



RNIB is the UK's leading charity offering information, support and advice to over 2 million people with sight loss. Our pioneering work helps anyone with a sight problem – not just with Braille and Talking Books but with imaginative and practical solutions to everyday challenges. We need you to get involved to support our vital work. As a charity we rely on your generosity.

IT Specialist Volunteer

We are looking for IT specialists to join our 'Technology Support Squad' – a national team of volunteers helping blind & partially sighted people to support their independence. Technology will dictate how this role evolves, however a typical visit may be to install new hardware or software, carry out a computer overhaul or resolve a computer malfunction. Or, you may be asked to offer advice and support to our other volunteers.

The role is home based with travel to customer's homes, so access to telephone and email is required.

Technology Support Volunteer

We need more volunteers who understand and can help blind and partially sighted people make better use of technology in their homes and lead more independent lives. This may include programming a new mobile phone or demonstrating audio description equipment. The role is home based with travel to customer's homes, so access to telephone and email is required.

Volunteer Co-ordinator (Fundraising)

Make a difference in your own community by supporting and expanding our already successful team of dedicated fundraising volunteers.

Events Supporter

Make a difference in your community, support your local fundraising team to plan and deliver successful events. Be creative, use your social networking skills to engage your community in raising awareness and much needed funds. Be as innovative and quirky as you like or choose from a range of tried and tested activities such as: coffee mornings, quiz nights, fashion shows, sponsored walks, gala dinners or open gardens.

Sooty Box Collector (Fundraising)

Make a difference in your local community, by ensuring money donated by the public into our iconic Sooty boxes is collected on a regular basis from local shops, pubs and leisure centres.

Sooty Home Finder

Find a home for Sooty and make a difference in your local community, by giving our iconic Sooty collecting box the best spot in the house.

Street & Store Collector

Make a difference in your local community by joining our successful team of dedicated fundraising volunteers. Be part of a team of volunteers collecting regularly at local supermarkets and shopping centres throughout the year.

Public Speaking

Be our ambassador! Make a difference in your local community by talking to a variety of audiences. By raising awareness of our services and products you are helping us rebuild the lives of blind and partially sighted people.



**Collection Box Co-ordinator & Volunteer Speaker
Magherafelt and Maghera area
18+**

Collection Box Co-ordinator

Help us save children's lives and campaign for their rights by becoming a Collection Box Co-ordinator in your local community. Every hour you donate makes a real difference to children's lives here in Northern Ireland and overseas. This volunteering role can benefit your CV and give you the opportunity to develop organisational skills as well as meeting members from your local community.

This role will involve establishing and servicing collection boxes in local businesses throughout your local community, keeping a record of businesses which have collection boxes and when they need emptied, counting money from the boxes, maintaining a record of money collected from each box and banking it at your local Northern Bank, thanking businesses for their support.

Volunteer speaker

Children are still denied access to healthcare, food, protection and education. We're working flat out for every child and Speakers are essential to raise awareness of our work and inspire support. Excellent presentation training and resources provided. Speakers are motivated to help save children's lives but we want them to gain personal benefits too. Some have found Speaking Out a great way to build their CV, gain confidence, learn about our work, and receive presentation training or simply to try something different. Speakers bring about dramatic change for children by raising public awareness and inspiring audiences to support us, in colleges, schools and community groups etc.

You will receive support from staff and key volunteers based in Northern Ireland, resources delivered to your home and updates on our work.

We reimburse costs of public transport, own car mileage at 40p per mile for the first 10,000 miles claimed - then 25p thereafter.



**Tiny Life
Mid Ulster Area
Age 16+
Access NI Check required**

DO YOU HAVE TIME TO SPARE?

Established in 1988 by a group of health professionals and concerned mums, Tiny Life is committed to funding medical research into the causes of premature birth, stillbirth and miscarriage and providing information to professionals and parents-to-be to ensure that every pregnancy has the best chance of a healthy outcome and a healthy baby. Tiny life also offers practical and emotional support to ensure that parents of premature and ill babies get all the help they need. We need volunteers for our:

Fundraising Team – opportunities to assist in events, either on the day or in preparation and planning.

Organisational Awareness – distributing leaflets and fliers around local community and health premises, i.e. libraries, GP surgeries, Hospitals etc. Manning exhibition stands with the Fundraising or family Support teams.

Family Support Service – Volunteers can offer home support to families in their local area, help out at family event days or in facilitating support networks/groups. Other opportunities include helping with the library and volunteer training.

THE BASE

The Base – Antrim
AccessNI check required
18+

The primary function of the Base is to maintain friendships and/or develop new friendships. It acts as a base for leisure and social activities within the local community for adults with learning disabilities. The Base aims to have a team of volunteers to complement and support the work of the Base Co-ordinator.

Volunteers assist the individuals of the Base to engage in weekly activities such as leisure, crafts and sporting activities.

The promotion of opportunities, in the heart of the local community, for adults with a learning disability



Three Spires Scout Group, Magherafelt
Scout Leader
Unit Helpers
Access NI Check required

Volunteers are needed to assist Scout Leaders with the supervision of children attending Scout sections and to help with small tasks such as crafts/outings/games for 1 ½ to 2 hours at the Scout Hall, Church Street, Magherafelt. Supervision may also be required for occasional Saturday outings usually lasting ½ day to a day.

- Squirrels 4-6 years old
- Beavers 6-8 years old
- Cubs 8-10½ years old
- Scouts 10½ -16 years old



The Stroke Association - Speechmatters
Mid Ulster Area
Age 18+
 AccessNI Check required

Static Collection box coordinators

Speechmatters is part of the Stroke Association and is currently looking to recruit a number of volunteers to manage static collection boxes. These collection boxes will raise vital funds for stroke survivors and people living with aphasia across Northern Ireland. Each role will consist of distributing and servicing static collection boxes within the Magherafelt area.

The role will include servicing the static boxes by collecting monies and receipts from site manager or owner. Volunteers will also be required to pay in monies by collection boxes in the designated bank account. Additional to this, volunteers are expected to keep up to date record of sites and monies raised, send copies of records to the regional fundraising development Manager on a regular basis, and raise the profile of the charity.

Family Support Volunteer

To provide friendship, support and guidance to people who have communication difficulties following a stroke on a one-to-one basis in their homes under the direction of the Family Support Worker. Tasks will be assessed according to the individual's need and may include:

1. Accompany to variety of social and recreational activities
2. Facilitate clients social learning
3. Explore alternative activities to maximize clients social network
4. Respect confidentiality at all times
5. Report to supervisor any issue that has potential risk to client or support worker

Support Group Volunteer

A stroke Association Support Group Volunteer would spend time with, and support members during meetings. For example help members undertake activities and social events as directed by the Chairperson/Organiser. Spend time listening to and support members, as required

The group meet in First Presbyterian Church 1 Loy Street Cookstown.

Volunteers will receive induction training and will be given training appropriate to the individuals needs for all roles.



Rural Support
 Helpline Volunteers
 Age 18+

Rural Support was formed as a charity in 2002. At that time, the Foot & Mouth epidemic was having a severe impact on the rural community in Northern Ireland. Since then, Rural Support has been providing a helpline which offers a listening ear & signposting service for farming & rural families. We address the following issues: emotional distress, suicide risk, financial problems, inheritance issues, physical & mental health, farming paperwork & bureaucracy.

Volunteers are required for Rural Support's telephone helpline. Helpline volunteers will receive full training and will work from home. Rural Support also has opportunities for volunteers who wish to take part in outreach and promotion activities for the organisation.



Ulster Cancer Foundation aims to reduce the incidence of cancer in Northern Ireland and by teaching young children health lifestyle choices in an entertaining and accessible way we are encouraging them to reduce their risk of cancer in later life.

Farmyard Olympics Volunteer

'Genevieve and the Farmyard Olympics' is a story to be read aloud to nursery age children. Volunteers will travel to nursery schools that have pre-booked with UCF, read to the children and undertake any activities as instructed, answer any questions about the work of UCF and leave information at the schools. Volunteers are expected to make their own way to each venue and will be working alone but will have full contact and support from UCF. Ideally, volunteers will have some previous experience working with children but this not essential, however it is important that they have excellent interpersonal skills and are happy to talk to groups.

Health Fair Volunteer

Could you help us reduce the incidence of cancer by informing the public about healthy life choices as a Health Fair Volunteer? The role involves engaging with individuals in an informal manner at venues around Northern Ireland to raise awareness of cancer prevention, healthy lifestyle choices and early detection messages. You will work as part of a team representing the Ulster Cancer Foundation at health events in various locations – workplaces, community centres, church halls – providing advice and information.

Walking Group Leader

Volunteers will be organising and leading walking groups in their local area for cancer patients, their family and carers. The walking groups will give people affected by cancer a means of gaining peer support while enjoying the outdoors and enhancing their general wellbeing. Volunteers will be sharing their enthusiasm for walking and knowledge of walking environment while providing vital relaxation and support to cancer patients.



Volunteers in Victim Support's Community Service

Volunteers are needed in all areas to support people affected by crime. We are looking for volunteers who have a range of skills. Help for crime victims and their family and friends is normally provided by either office appointments, outreach visits, home visits, or over the phone.

Volunteers are needed to:

- listen to people affected by crime
- identify any support needs they might have
- provide practical and emotional support.

We need enthusiastic volunteers who are keen to develop their skills.

Volunteers also assist with completing Criminal Injuries Compensation forms and explaining the compensation process. With the assistance of the Coordinator, volunteers link clients to other services and agencies. They also provide information on criminal proceedings and the criminal justice system.

Volunteers in the Witness Service

Volunteers are needed in all court locations to support people affected by crime. We are looking for volunteers who have a range of skills. Help is provided to adult prosecution witnesses, their family and friends, in dedicated waiting rooms at court venues across Northern Ireland.

Volunteers are needed to:

- listen to people affected by crime
- organise familiarisation visits to the court
- make witnesses familiar with court layout and procedures
- liaise with court officers and legal representatives
- accompany witnesses into court, if requested
- provide practical and emotional support

The Sharing the Care scheme provides regular short breaks for children with a disability. We are in the process of developing a befriending service also and need all kinds of people to provide a regular befriending service for disabled children. Befriending involves volunteering a few hours of your time each week to take a child with a disability out in the local community. You could go to local parks, cinemas, swimming pool or any other activity which the child might enjoy.

You could be studying, working, unemployed or retired, with or without children, single or with a partner. Anyone who has the time, skills and commitment to provide friendship to a disabled child.

The scheme provides training, expenses and support to befrienders. Befriending provides an opportunity to help support a disabled child and their family.

Attendance at an induction programme of 4 training sessions is required. Volunteers are also expected to undertake an assessment prior to approval as a befriender.



**Moyola Park AFC
Castledawson
Access NI Check required
17+**

To provide coaching in a safe and fun filled environment for boys and girls. To help with the organising and running of the Football Development Centre and the various youth teams within the club.

Football provides a vehicle for boys and girls from all backgrounds to actively participate in sport, meet new friends and build confidence through a varied programme of outdoor and indoor activities.

The youth meet on various nights throughout the week and also on a Saturday. No experience is required although a love for the game would be beneficial, would be good to have a sense of humour, be ready to be part of a team and have fun. All of the coaches within the club are volunteers and this is reflective in their day to day activities.

Moyola Park Youth would not be able to run without volunteers.



Woods Rainbow, Brownies and Guides Units

Unit Helpers/Leaders urgently required

14+

Making a difference to girls' lives and helping them achieve their potential is hugely rewarding. By becoming a volunteer, you can help ensure that as many girls and young women as possible get the opportunity to experience the fun and challenge of guiding.

You will be joining more than 80,000 other adult volunteers who contribute over ten million hours to guiding every year. Like them, you will enjoy the personal rewards and satisfaction that volunteering brings.

Rainbows aged 4-7

Brownies aged 7-10

Guides aged 10-15



Mencap Gateway Club

AccessNI Check

18+

Gateway provides social and leisure activities for those with learning disabilities in the local district.

Cookstown Gateway Club is appealing for a volunteer(s) to help assist the service users on and off the bus which transports them to the fortnightly Wednesday social club in Cookstown.

The route commences from Magherafelt via Moneymore onto Cookstown. As the club runs from 7.00 - 9.00pm the volunteer needs to be available from 6.15pm to start the journey finishing at approx 9.45pm.

The volunteer needs to be reliable and punctual and there is the flexibility of sharing this role with another volunteer which would entail to a monthly commitment.



Could you spare a few hours to help the **NEW** Macmillan Cancer Support Unit at Antrim Area Hospital

The Macmillan Unit is a partnership between Macmillan Cancer Support, the Northern Health and Social Care Trust and the Department of Health and Social Services.

The support unit is located opposite Laurel House on the Antrim Area Hospital site and has 12 en-suite bedrooms and three consulting rooms. Specialist staff at the centre will provide comprehensive palliative care to patients with cancer and other life-limiting conditions. The unit will also deliver a range of day care and inpatient services including symptom control, rehabilitation and end-of-life care. A day room and a quiet room, as well as facilities for education and staff training, are also included at the unit which will provide comprehensive palliative care to patients with cancer and other life-limiting conditions.

Befriender

Volunteers required to talk to patients, play chess, dominoes etc and to simply just be there for the person. A listening ear and support for family members is also required. Volunteer will receive comprehensive induction training. Ongoing support offered and supervision monthly.

Complimentary Therapist

Therapists are needed to provide a range of treatments to patients and their families including reflexology, aromatherapy, Reiki and Indian Head massage. This is a much needed service to enable people affected by cancer to deal with stress.

Car Drivers

Drivers needed to enable family members to visit relatives in the Macmillan unit.
and/or

Drivers needed to take patients to a support group in Ecos Centre once a month.

Gardener

The MacMillan unit at Antrim hospital is a new purpose built palliative care unit. Each of the 12 bedrooms has a patio and small garden. This is an oasis for patients and relatives. We need someone to help keep each garden neat and tidy so that it can be enjoyed. Some gardening knowledge preferred.

Hairdresser

A volunteer hairdresser is needed to wash style and cut patients' hair during their stay in the MacMillan unit. Volunteer must be a qualified hairdresser.

Fundraiser

Volunteers are needed to raise funds for the MacMillan unit to enable this valuable work to continue and expand. The fundraising event can take place in the volunteer's local area or elsewhere if preferred.

A comprehensive induction will be given to all volunteers. Travel expenses are reimbursed

Do you receive our monthly newsletter containing latest volunteer opportunities?

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