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Engineer Volunteer

A national charity helps people with disabilities become more independent by providing custom-made equipment that is not available to buy.

The charity's Berkshire branch is interested in hearing from skilled DIYers, model makers and craftspeople who have access to their own workshop, as well as the ability to design and make unique equipment that can help someone with a disability.

You will work from home, although you will need your own transport to visit clients and find out about their needs and buy equipment. The cost of materials and petrol will be reimbursed.

Ref NYI797

Area President

Have you led teams in a voluntary, business or public sector environment? An organisation that provides and trains first aiders is seeking an area president. In this role, you will champion and support volunteering, promote the work of the organisation in the community and build relationships with other local organisations.

The role is for an initial term of three years, with the time commitment expected to be 1-2 hours a week. The role would suit someone with excellent diplomacy and influencing skills, an ability to identify new opportunities and partnerships and who enjoys supporting others.

Ref NYI936

Mentors

A local charity that helps young people who are leaving care or are homeless is seeking volunteer mentors.

The role involves spending time with the young residents, helping raise their confidence and self-esteem. A mentor may help support the young person with developing their career path, by sharing their own experiences.

Time commitment is one or two days a week, depending on the needs of the young person. Volunteers will need previous experience of working with disadvantaged young people, ideally including learning disabilities and handling challenging behaviour. Having patience and being a great listener is key.

Ref NY2037

Fundraiser

Join a group of volunteers who raise funds to help cats and kittens in need. They plan and deliver exciting and varied fundraising events, such as craft fairs, cake sales and open days. The open days run in May and September each year – you may find yourself on a stall, making tea or selling raffle tickets!

The role is very flexible from 1-2 hours a month to 1-2 hours a week. This opportunity would suit volunteers with good communication skills and confidence in handling money, who enjoy being part of a team.

Ref NYI13

Befriend West Berkshire

Having regular interactions with other people has been proven to combat loneliness, which is why Volunteer Centre West Berkshire are recruiting volunteers to become befrienders for lonely people aged over 50 who live in West Berkshire.

Once trained, you will be carefully matched to someone, then just like a friend, you will be to take a little time to visit once a week or so to enjoy each others company. This is an ideal volunteer opportunity for good listeners with empathy, patience and a friendly nature.

E-mail befriend@vcwb.org.uk or call 01635 49004 for further information.

Ref NYI700

Bread & Beyond Sales Volunteer

A local organisation that works with young people with autism is teaching them how to make bread as part of their work-skills training.

The bread is being sold to raise money for the organisation, enabling its work with the young people to continue. They are looking for volunteers to assist them with the sale of the bread on market stalls and at various events across West Berkshire, alongside the young people.

Initially they would like to commit to having a monthly market stall in Newbury at least one Thursday a month (7am-4pm, although volunteers can do 2-3 hours). The role would suit polite, friendly and confident people who enjoy engaging with customers and the young people.

Ref NYI993