

April/May 2011

Volunteer Voice

New volunteer opportunities in Calderdale

Volunteer Stewards

Stewards are required to help with the running of Halifax Neighbours Day on 21st May 2011.

Duties will include stewarding, handing out programmes, managing queues, litter picking, undertaking of neighbourliness questionnaires, assisting with dance workshops and treasure hunt queries.



Stewards should have a friendly and approachable manner and no experience is necessary.

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Lifeline, Young Persons Service

Progress2work Calderdale are looking for volunteers to support the staff team in the delivery of a vibrant and creative service. A Reception/Admin' volunteer is required to take part in the day to day running of the service, covering the reception area. You should have a positive and professional outlook and a welcoming attitude. You should also have IT , literacy and numeracy and diary management skills.

Volunteer Support Workers are also required to assist with the running of the project, you will help to engage young people who are between 10-19 years old in the following activities: football coaching, basketball, trampolining and a wide variety of team sports. You may also be required to work within the community and be given the opportunity to accompany groups on residential courses.



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Reading Matters

If you can read this sentence in 3 seconds you could help a young person who can't. Help youngsters with learning and job opportunities by improving their reading. We are looking for volunteers to help young people on a one to one basis to improve their reading skills. This is done through regular visits to secondary schools or other locations. We are looking for a commitment of two hours per week. This volunteer role can enhance the opportunity to gain paid employment, for example as a classroom assistant. You can also train to achieve an National Open College network (NOCN) certificate. Volunteers must enjoy reading, be literate, be 18+. Some experience of a secondary school environment would be beneficial together with a desire to work with young people.

We are also looking for someone to work with our volunteer coordinator to assist with a range of general administration duties to support our volunteers, including word processing, filing, telephone and email communications. If you enjoy working with a wide range of people and are organised and have a good telephone manner this is the opportunity for you. Full induction and training given.



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Halifax Canoe Club

Halifax Canoe Club require seasonal volunteers to undertake the roles of Slalom Event Volunteers and Greeters. No specific experience is necessary as any necessary training will be provided although a love of canoeing and some First Aid Training would be beneficial.



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White Ribbon Campaign

working to end violence against women



Trustee Needed

The White ribbon campaign UK is a national charity based in Mytholmroyd, which has been operating for 5 years. The trustee board is the governing body of the charity, and trustees provide the direction and policy for the organisation advised by the staff team and the Executive Director. The board currently meets 4 times a year for 2 hours, but a greater time commitment would be welcome. Previous experience of organisational management would be welcome, but is not necessarily required.

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Volunteer Family Support Worker



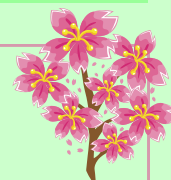
The Forget Me Not Trust currently requires a Family-Support Worker to join the team. It would be your role to engage with the children and young people, encouraging them to become involved in all the activities on offer, maintaining a child-friendly environment and helping with the planning of future activities and themed days. As the role develops this may expand to include befriending, social support and practical support. for a specific family you would be matched with. Experience of working with children and/or young people would be useful but not essential.

The initial training course will cover areas such child protection, sticking to boundaries and playing with children of all needs. The next course will start in late June 2011.

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Citizens Advice Bureau



Halifax Centre CAB requires an Admin' Volunteer, the role involves collating files, database inputting, typing letters, processing post, contacting clients. Essential skills are a good telephone manner, IT skills, experience of word-processing software, data entry skills, attention to detail, numeracy skills, team working and flexibility, ability to respond positively to feedback.

Also needed is a Volunteer Caseworker the role involves conducting part of a client's visit to the bureau and includes gathering information from the client, form filling, legal aid checks, phone liaison with DWP/Pension Service, basic debt work, photocopying paperwork. The minimum commitment is 1 day a week (6.5hrs) Monday to Friday and we require at least 2 months time commitment. Key Skills needed are good client skills, good telephone manner, attention to detail, numeracy skills, team working and flexibility, ability to respond positively to feedback.



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Volunteer Gardener

Sacred Heart primary school is currently developing a garden in the lower key stage 1 area. Any help or expertise in the development of the garden area would be much appreciated. No experience is necessary but an interest in gardening would be beneficial.



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Volunteer Recruiter

Calderdale Alzheimer Society requires a Volunteer Recruiter. In this role you will be undertaking the following tasks: liaising with staff and other volunteers in the identification of volunteering recruitment needs; assisting with the recruitment of new volunteers; maintaining recruitment/ placement information and building local relationships with partners such as volunteer centres and other support agencies.

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Advocacy Volunteers

Rethink requires new volunteers whose main duties may include: Using your own life skills or experience of services to support vulnerable adults to have choices and support in making their own decisions; accompanying vulnerable adults to access agencies and services that they would otherwise miss out on; finding out what services and opportunities are available locally ; creating or contributing to a newsletter to share information within the area.; supporting the administration of the service; promoting the Service, Rethink and self advocacy skills such as assertiveness, within other services and with groups and individuals.

Different roles will require different skills/knowledge/experience and all volunteers must have a commitment to enabling vulnerable adults to have their say in what happens to them as well as the ability to listen effectively. In addition any of the following would be particularly helpful: personal experience of health or social care services; knowledge of the Calderdale area and the ability to listen effectively and to share information with others.



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Activity and Community Development - volunteer in sport settings

Halifax Swimming club are looking for someone who is interested in getting involved in coaching their expanding junior section. They need someone with either a level 2 swimming teacher's qualification or someone working towards the award. This opportunity will allow you to expand your experience in a well known swimming club and you would be developing the elite junior and elite sections.



Halifax Junior Football League are looking for an administrator to attend meetings once a month on a Tuesday evening. The role would include taking minutes of the meetings and updating scores and news stories onto the junior league FA website. This role would suit someone with some spare time and an interest in junior Football. The team also require a Child Welfare Officer, you will be provided with full training and will only be called on when an incident needs to be reported. You would be required to attend some of the meetings which are held once a month on a Tuesday evening. As this role would be key in protecting children you will have to complete a Enhanced Criminal Records Check that will be free of charge.

Northowram Fields Cricket Club are looking for volunteers to assist in their catering for match days (Saturday PM). They are looking for people with an interest in food but volunteers do not necessarily need any qualifications. Volunteers are needed from Saturday 16th April until September 2011.



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Halifax Minster - sewing & actor/guide roles

Halifax Minster requires a School Trail Guide, the purpose of this role is to guide a group of primary school pupils (9-15 pupils plus staff) around a themed trail. The trail themes are currently 'Life in Victorian Halifax' and 'Monastic Life and the Reformation'. The guides job is to deliver most sections of the trail to pupils (a script will be provided). The guide will be in costume and may be expected to take on various roles in the different trails eg portraying a Victorian School teacher. Also required is a Volunteer "character", you will also be required to dress-up and deliver presentations to school groups whilst in character. For both roles you should have some experience of working with children and of performing, you should also have the ability to memorise a script.

Also required is a Sewing Volunteer. You will be needed to produce and maintain the costumes worn in the School Trail. You should have experience of using a sewing machine and reading simple patterns.

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International Service - Youth volunteering overseas

The International Citizens Service scheme runs from June 2011 to spring 2012. You could be going to Brazil, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Mali or the occupied Palestinian territory. They have worked in these countries for many years, and their experienced staff will ensure your safety and wellbeing. There are a wide range of projects, so whatever your passion or interest they should have something to suit you.

Volunteer placements last for 12 weeks. There are 170 places available and you won't have to go it alone. You'll be living and working in a small team, and a mentor will supervise and support you. All volunteers are given full training before they go on placement, and when they arrive in-country.

You must be aged between 18 and 22 years old, and living in the UK. If you do not have a British passport, you must have indefinite leave to remain in the UK, or be an EU/EEA citizen currently living in the UK.

You don't need specific qualifications, but personal qualities are important - like motivation, being willing to learn, and a commitment to helping others. We want to ensure that the scheme is open to everyone, regardless of their income. Placements are fully-funded for those on low incomes, but some volunteers will be expected to make a contribution towards the cost of their placement.

Opportunities for older volunteers

There are also 30 opportunities for volunteers aged 23+ to act as team leaders and specialist project co-ordinators.



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Cyber Mentors

G.A.L.Y.I.C need volunteers to help provide peer support to young people via Cyber Mentors, our online advice forum. It is especially for those who are being bullied or are coming to terms with been gay.

An understanding of LGBT issues especially around homophobic bullying and coming out.



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Volunteer Filmmakers

Voluntary Action Calderdale require experienced filmmakers to make short films about some of the various voluntary and community groups currently running in Calderdale.

You must have knowledge and experience of both the film-making and editing process as well as the ability to travel to various locations within Calderdale. However all expenses will be paid and film making and editing equipment can be provided for you.

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Calderdale Pride

The organising team for Calderdale's only pride event is working hard to make the 2011 event the biggest and best seen so far. After just three years the event has grown from a small musical event into a festival-style celebration of the diversity of Calderdale's communities, welcoming all. There are also numerous commercial, craft, food and information stalls offering a huge variety of goods and information. Calderdale Pride would like to offer volunteers the opportunity to have fun while supporting the cause at their event.

The event requires support from volunteers on the day (18th June); they will require stewards who will maintain peoples' health and safety at the event as well as undertaking some lighter duties. They will ensure that you will have a fantastic day at the same time as helping out.



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Newsletter Volunteer

Pit Stop youth Project require a volunteer to produce a monthly newsletter. You should have knowledge and experience of writing and laying out news letters using computer programmes.

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Drop-in Centre Helper

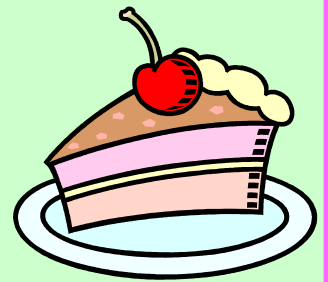
Brighthouse Old People's Welfare Committee require a volunteer to help out at the 'pop-in' centre .

Volunteers are needed to help with serving refreshments, taking money, washing up and chatting to customers many of whom are lonely and welcome the chance for a chat.

Currently looking for volunteers for Monday and Thursday mornings.



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Volunteer Fundraisers

Stainland Sticklers is a not-for-profit organisation that raises funds and awareness for a selection of national charities, by undertaking challenges of varying difficulty.

At the same time, members of the Stainland Sticklers who range from 16 year old students, to long-term unemployed, and other groups are appointed as Project Managers for each challenge and are mentored through all of the business processes involved with organising such challenges.

We are urgently seeking fundraisers. Volunteer fundraisers will be working closely with us to design strategies and deliver the agreed action plan. Funds are needed for not just the charities we support but also for the Stainland Sticklers themselves. Working from your own home base, and with access to telephone and the internet, you ideally will already have skills in fundraising for similar types of organisation. Meeting regularly with the Chairman, Financial Controller and Secretary of the Stainland Sticklers, the volunteer Fundraisers may also be called upon to assist in mentoring other Stickler Project Managers.

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