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NI WIDE VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Interested in volunteering?

There are thousands of volunteering opportunities on our website www.volunteernow.co.uk so there's sure to be something that suits you!

How does it work? Use the 'Opportunity Search' on our homepage to select the type of activity you would be interested in, enter your postcode and click 'search'. To apply for any opportunities, click 'register now' in the opportunity description and the organisation will come back to you with more details. *(If you already have a volunteer account on our website, log in first)*

Need a hand to find or register for an opportunity? Call us on 028 9023 2020 or email opportunities@volunteernow.co.uk



Charity Shops



Volunteering in charity shops provides great personal benefits and career development such as customer service skills, retail skills (e.g. money handling, visual merchandising) and increased confidence.

Find your local charity shop by using the 'volunteer search' on www.volunteernow.co.uk and select 'shops/retail' as your activity

Cancer Focus NI



Cancer Focus NI are looking for a Community Ambassador to help raise awareness of their services, speak about their work and help them to grow their volunteer community in local areas. You will do this through informing and inspiring people when attending local events, delivering talks to schools, rotary clubs and women's institutes and representing us in your community. If you are enthusiastic about informing people of local cancer services in your community, have a friendly manner and are confident speaking to groups of people, we would love to hear from you. <http://bit.ly/2IXyBDF>

Marie Curie



We're looking for friendly and reliable helper service volunteers in the Omagh area to visit people with terminal illnesses, their families and carers on a regular basis. You will provide one-to-one companionship and support, offer a listening ear and spend time engaging in everyday conversation, activities or hobbies with the person you are supporting. We will provide you with extensive training so you can take on the role confidently <http://bit.ly/2ITOLxH>

Guide Dogs NI



Every October we celebrate our charity's history and achievements on the anniversary of the first four UK guide dog partnerships, back in 1931. This year our celebrations are set to be better than ever as we launch Pups to Partnerships – a life changing Guide Dogs appeal aiming to fund the lifetime cost of seven guide dogs in just 31 days and we need your help to make it happen!

During October, we'll be hosting hundreds of fundraising collections across the UK and we need as many volunteers as possible to join in the fun and help us change lives. By donating an hour of your time at a collection, you'll have the chance to meet new people, learn more about our work and most importantly – have fun! <http://bit.ly/2lvzK5c>

Age NI



Age NI's First Connect service offers dedicated emotional and practical support at difficult times in an individual's life; situations which are often triggered by feeling the loss of independence or sudden unexpected changes in important relationships. Volunteers will provide support to older people to help them access new opportunities and services that they consider best enhances and sustains their wellbeing and independence.

No previous knowledge or experience is required to access this role as tailored training is provided. This role will require a free enhanced Access NI disclosure certificate. <https://bit.ly/2D4Zr4o>

Volunteer with Volunteer Now Projects



Volunteer Drivers needed across Belfast & Castlereagh to take clients to & from their homes to a variety of appointments including hospitals, day centres, dentists and colleges. Drivers also needed in Ards & North Down to transport 'looked after' children to school or contact visits. For more details bit.ly/2EPwloJ

Event Volunteering

There are lots of large and small events and festivals across Northern Ireland that just couldn't take place without the support of volunteers. Have a look at our Events Calendar at bit.ly/NI_Calendar to see what's coming up – most of these are one-off events and good craic is guaranteed! This calendar is updated regularly so please check back if there's nothing there that suits you at the minute.

Forthcoming events include ...



20 Sept - Hollywood Culture Night
20+21 Sept - Belfast Culture Night
6 Oct: - The Granite Challenge (Downpatrick / Mourne)
15 Oct - 3 Nov: Belfast International Arts Festival
27 Oct: - The Pink Run (Belfast)

For more information on any of the events on our calendar, sign up online and the organisation concerned will come back to you with more details.



Mindwise

We are recruiting new volunteers to lead Reading Groups within our services across Northern Ireland.

You would receive full training in how to lead a Reading Group, with the view of holding weekly or fortnightly sessions within a MindWise service.

<http://bit.ly/2KtxQvl>



NI Policing Board

If you were in police custody wouldn't you like someone to be concerned about your welfare? On 19 September NI Policing Board will open their application process for Independent Custody Visitors.

Keep your eye on our Facebook page for links to the opportunity from 19 September



Volunteer Now's Belfast office has moved!

From 23 August 2019 you'll find us at
Skainos Centre, 239 Newtownards Rd, Belfast BT4 1AF
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