

OPPORTUNITY SPOTLIGHTS

Downpatrick

Winter 2023/24

Here are a few volunteering opportunities currently available in the Downpatrick area. For a full selection of opportunities, have a look at the Opportunity Search on **volunteernow.co.uk** If you need any assistance finding or registering for an opportunity, let us know and we can help!



Group Volunteer – Harry's Hangout (Ballynahinch)

Help out with Harry's Hangout group each Thursday and contribute to the fun the group have by helping with all the various activities. For more info: https://tinyurl.com/yeyjn9fd



Weekly Group Volunteer – Headway (Downpatrick)

Have you 2 hours each week to share with a group of adults who have an acquired brain injury? Join our friendly team and support our services users at our weekly meetings. You will learn a lot from the diverse group of people we support. This role is ideal for those with experience of or wanting to gain experience supporting people with brain injuries or conditions affecting the brain. Full training and supervision is provided, no experience necessary.

For more info: https://tinyurl.com/2p8r3mas



Garden Allotment Volunteer - Downpatrick Community Allotments

Volunteers will have the opportunity to learn basic plant skills, including how to correctly care for and water plants. You will be able to grow from seed and transplant to baskets and tubs. For more info: https://tinyurl.com/4z2eufke



Volunteer Casework Assistant – Community Advice Newry & Mourne (Downpatrick)

More and more people are coming to us looking for help with Employment Support Allowances and Personal Independent Payments.. Our Case-Work Assistants work through forms with the clients, explaining the questions and eliciting the answers. Do you have empathy and understanding? then you could be the Case-Work Assistant. For more info: https://tinyurl.com/ysc2e8x6



Various Volunteering Roles - National Trust South Down - (Downpatrick)

Group Walking Volunteer Are you passionate about walking and inspiring others to get active, outdoors and connect with nature? We are creating a team to support setting up and delivering walks across our beautiful countryside around Castle Ward.

Retail Volunteer Castle Ward Giftshop Everyone likes a bit of retail therapy, don't they? Retail volunteers love helping visitors and telling them the story of our products. Through their sales, volunteers are helping the National Trust look after special places for everyone.

Retail Volunteer Castle Ward Bookshop Do you a good thriller? Or are you more a romantic? Our bookshop volunteers know where to find the poetry section, or the holiday reads, and love helping our visitors to find something they will enjoy. You could be the right person to join our team of dedicated bookshop volunteers!

Accessibility Buggy Driver Drivers are the Formula 1 stars of National Trust – just with a bit less speed! They help visitors who might struggle to get to and from the car park, as some of our historic places weren't built to be pedestrian-friendly! Enthusiasm and a current driving licence required!

For more information about volunteering in the **Newry, Mourne & Down** areas contact our Volunteering Support Officer:

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