

Here are a few volunteering opportunities currently available in the North Down & Ards area. For a full selection of opportunities, have a look at the Opportunity Search on [volunteernow.co.uk](http://volunteernow.co.uk) If you need any assistance finding or registering for an opportunity, let us know and we can help!

#### HOME BEFRIENDER – Deafblind NI (Newtownards)



Befriending is a great opportunity to give your time and commitment in making a real difference to someone's life. Chrissy lives with her family in Newtownards and would like a female visitor. Don lives alone in Portavogie and they are both looking for a friendly volunteer who is available to make a weekly visit for a cup of tea and a chat.

For more info: **Newtownards:** <https://tinyurl.com/5fjrd6a3>  
**Portavogie:** <https://tinyurl.com/78xyyn4e>

#### DIVERSITY AMBASSADOR Shared Voices Programme - Ards & North Down Borough Council (Newtownards)



Are you an immigrant to Northern Ireland or come from a different heritage? Would you like to help promote diversity and inclusion within our communities? We invite you to join our Shared Voices Team! A group of volunteers who share their stories, culture and experiences to school aged children and community groups; who encourage questions about different cultures and traditions and promote diversity in Northern Ireland.

For more info: <https://tinyurl.com/yzt85vac>



#### SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS VOLUNTEER – Neurodiversity UK (Newtownards)

At Neuro-Diversity UK we are proud to offer a series of programmes to support children and families with Special Educational Needs and Disability. This is a vital programme that will provide much needed advice and support to families, navigating complex and difficult to access services in the area. Our sessions take place on Thursdays from 10am-2pm.

For more info: <https://tinyurl.com/bdeb358w>

#### VOLUNTEER ADVISORS & COST OF LIVING SUPPORT –



#### Community Advice Ards and North Down

CAAND is one of the leading independent advice agencies in Northern Ireland. We require volunteer advisors to help us advise clients on a range of issues. Full accredited training will be provided by The Law Centre and Advice NI. For more info:

**Newtownards:** <https://tinyurl.com/4tu3jmk6>  
**Holywood :** <https://tinyurl.com/s9xvzfae> **Bangor:** <https://tinyurl.com/yeppzep2>

For more information about volunteering in the **North Down & Ards** area contact our Volunteering Support Officers:

- **David Moore:** david.moore@volunteernow.co.uk / 07850 851823
- Or contact our Head Office: 028 9023 2020 / info@volunteernow.co.uk



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## FARMLAND BIRD SURVEYOR – RSPB NI (Co Down)

Farmland Bird Surveyor volunteers will be monitoring priority bird species in County Down by carrying out baseline breeding surveys on project farms across the county. Seed-eating farmland birds have experienced significant declines in Northern Ireland. The overall aim of our efforts is to halt and reverse the decline of some of N Ireland's most iconic farmland birds. For more info: <https://tinyurl.com/4v2zbfxs>



## VOLUNTEERS DRIVERS – Cancer Focus (Newtownards area)

Cancer Focus NI wants to hear from people in the Newtownards area who are interested in becoming volunteer drivers with their patient transport service. Volunteer drivers ease the worry, stress, and expense of travel for cancer patients by providing vital transportation to and from their hospital appointments. For more info: <https://tinyurl.com/3jmcxx9z>



## TREE NURSERY VOLUNTEERS – The Conservation Volunteers (Cultra, Holywood)

Our mission is to protect the genetic heritage of our Northern Irish trees and increase biodiversity while connecting people with their environment. Every season brings a change to the work we do. It starts with sowing in spring, caring for our trees throughout the summer, seed collecting in autumn and finally getting our trees ready to go out the doors during winter. For more info: <https://tinyurl.com/5n8ehv6v>



## CREATIVE GARDENS SPRING EVENT VOLUNTEERS – Cancer Fund for Children (Ballymena)

Cancer Fund for Children is here for children and young people diagnosed with cancer or living with a parent with cancer. Creative Gardens are planning a Spring event this Easter and holding a family fun day at Galgorm Castle on Saturday 30th March 2024. (12-2pm and 2-4pm). Volunteers are needed to collect donations and speak to customers who may wish to find out about Cancer Fund for Children. For more info: <https://tinyurl.com/yc4n6tbi>

## Interested in volunteering?

There are thousands of volunteering opportunities on our website [www.volunteernow.co.uk](http://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](mailto:opportunities@volunteernow.co.uk)**

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