

OPPORTUNITY SPOTLIGHTS

Antrim & Newtownabbey

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GOOD MORNING ANTRIM - Telephone Befriender Volunteers

COME AND JOIN OUR AWARD-WINNING VOLUNTEER TEAM!



We are a telephone befriending and alert service, aimed at anyone in the community who may be feeling isolated or vulnerable, for whatever reason. We are currently seeking volunteers to support the service. If you have a few hours to spare, one morning per week 9am–12:30pm then why not use that time to make a real difference to someone's day. All it takes is a friendly voice, a listening ear, and a big heart. Full training and ongoing support will be provided for more information or just apply click the link https://tinyurl.com/te8cbpu

ANTRIM SENIOR GATEWAY CLUB - Volunteers



Antrim Senior Gateway Club provides a safe and fun place for adults with learning difficulties. We are very lucky to have a committed group of volunteers and due to popular demand for our services we are looking to expand our volunteer team. Our club meets on the first and third Thursday of the month from 7.30-9.00pm in **Stiles Community Centre** and one of the areas where we lack expertise is Arts & Crafts so if there are individuals out there that would love to share their skills we would be delighted to hear from you. We are a very friend bunch so why not join us https://bit.ly/4qvFw2C

CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN BORN 2 RUN WINTER SERIES - Volunteers



Our Born2Run Winter Series events will take place across Northern Ireland to fundraise for Cancer Fund for Children. The Antrim event will be held in **Antrim Castle Gardens** on **7 February 2026** from 10am to 1pm. We are looking for volunteers to help make this event a success by collecting donations, cheering on and encouraging the runners and presenting the medals at the finishing line. If you have just 3 hours to spare to give us a hand we would love to hear from you - just click the link https://tinyurl.com/ycurkdrp

RPSB PEATLAND RESTORATION TASTER SESSION - Volunteers (Antrim Hills)



Do you like a physical challenge and working outdoors? If so, why not join us at our peatland taster session in the Antrim Hills on **15 November 2025**. We need volunteers to help us with management of Northern Ireland's peatlands. Peatlands are unique habitats that store carbon from the atmosphere and support a range of specialist flora and fauna. Unfortunately, the majority of bogs across Northern Ireland have been negatively impacted due to conflicting practices. This is a **one-off** event based in the Antrim Hills and is a chance to gain practical skills in scrub removal. If you would like to give it a go click on the link https://tinyurl.com/4p4d8u7e

DISABILITY SPORT NI BOCCIA COMPETITION - Volunteer Timer (Antrim Forum)



Disability Sport NI are the development agency for the sport of Boccia in Northern Ireland. Boccia is Paralympic sport where athletes throw, kick or use a ramp to propel a ball onto court with the aim of getting closest to a 'jack' ball. We are hosting the UK Boccia Championships at Antrim Forum Leisure Centre on Saturday and Sunday 6th & 7th December 2025. It promises to be a brilliant weekend of sport and to help us run this event we are looking for timers. Boccia timing is a fairly simple task using an iPad so why not give it a go!! Click the link https://tinyurl.com/ycxv3ywf

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BALLYCLARE FAMILY FOCUS - Volunteer Support Administrator

We are a forward thinking Family Support Service offering caring and meaningful outreach support to families in our community with mild to complex needs. We are looking for a business administrator with a passion to meet family needs and who can join our team and assist at the core of our service. The administrator provides both clerical and administrative support to the Centre Manager in the administration and smooth-running of our organisation to effectively operate family support services. If you would like to find out more about this great role and how to apply click on the click https://tinyurl.com/3pkbzzmf



MONKSTOWN VILLAGE INITIATIVE - Youth Worker Volunteer

As a youth club for children aged 8 to 11, we try to provide a safe environment for them to have fun and socialise with peers. We are looking for people who have a passion and willingness to go the extra step to create an exciting and fun environment. If you would like to be part of a team working with children in this way we would be delighted to hear from you. Tasks will include arts & crafts, day trips, games and many more activities that young people enjoy so why not click the link for more information and to apply https://tinyurl.com/hah8s9hm



SOUTH ANTRIM COMMUNITY TRANSPORT - Volunteer Drivers (Antrim and Crumlin)

South Antrim Community Transport is looking to increase their team of volunteer drivers for their community transport scheme. Volunteers will use their own vehicles to transport our members to a range of destinations throughout our operational area and will be required to go through all the necessary checks and training before commencing the role. Volunteers will mentored by a volunteer champion within our office, who will continually support the volunteer. There will be a mileage allowance for all trips undertaken on behalf of the Dial-A-Lift service to cover the cost of fuel and wear and tear of their vehicle.

Give the gift of a lift by clicking here https://tinyurl.com/57vu3dbd

FLEADH CHEOIL na hEIRANN - Volunteers (2-9 August 2026 Belfast)

Volunteer Now are delighted to be managing the volunteer team for Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann in Belfast next August (2nd-9th). We are hoping to recruit a team of **1500 volunteers** who will form the very heartbeat of this event. The volunteers will showcase the best of Belfast and bring a warm welcome to up to **1 million visitors**! Without volunteers, the event simply couldn't happen.

While this event isn't happening until next August, we wanted to start spreading the word as early as possible across Northern Ireland. We already have over **380 registrations**, which is amazing and highlights the popularity of such an event. If it would also be of benefit, the events team can come and speak to groups/individuals about what volunteering at this event would look like. Please contact **events@volunteernow.co.uk** and let the team know if you would be happy to support, and if there is anything else you need from us in the meantime.



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