

# OPPORTUNITY SPOTLIGHTS

### MID & EAST ANTRIM

Autumn 2025

Here are a few volunteering opportunities currently available in the Mid & East Antrim 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!

#### **MEA AFFORDABLE FOOD COLLECTIVE - Trustee Volunteers**



The Affordable Food Collective is seeking to appoint new Trustees to join our Board to support the valuable service we provide across communities in Mid and East Antrim. We would particularly welcome applications from individuals who have specific experience with minute taking and could take up the role of Secretary but would welcome interest from individuals with other skills and experiences. If you are passionate about supporting individuals/families facing financial difficulty then click on the link and apply <a href="http://bit.ly/43vNAXa">http://bit.ly/43vNAXa</a>

#### **MEA AFFORDABLE FOOD COLLECTIVE - Volunteer Drivers**



(Ballymena/Carrickfergus/Larne)

If you have a few hours to spare each week then why not consider volunteering with MEA Affordable Food Collective. We are currently looking to recruit volunteer drivers to join our amazing team. No experience is needed as full training and ongoing support will be provided. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet new people, learn new skills and make a real difference to your community, click here for more information and to apply <a href="http://bit.ly/47c9bX6">http://bit.ly/47c9bX6</a>

### MEA AFFORDABLE FOOD COLLECTIVE - Retail Assistants (Ballymena/Carrickfergus/Larne)



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### MS SOCIETY - Activities Volunteer & Suppport Volunteer (Ballymena)



We are looking to recruit an Activities Volunteer for the Ballymena Group. As our local group Activities Volunteer you'll help us to set up activities in the area. Whether you're serving refreshments, talking to people, registering attendees or collecting payments, you'll be making sure everyone feels welcome. The role will give you the opportunity to develop your organisation, communication and team working skills **BUT** most importantly you'll be supporting your local group to run activities that bring friendship and fun to your local MS Community. For more information about the role click the link <a href="https://tinyurl.com/29mvyc5r">https://tinyurl.com/29mvyc5r</a>

### **MEAAP (AGEWELL) - Trustee Volunteer (Carrickfergus)**



As Agewell grows and we diversify with our new Social Enterprise 'Dots' we are seeking dynamic new Trustees to join our current Trustee Board to support us into the future. Our Trustees are collectively responsible for the overall governance and strategic direction of Agewell alongside the Senior Management Team. As we strength and diversify our Board we are particularly seeking expertise in the following areas: HR, Marketing & PR and Social Enterprise & Business Development so why not click here for more information <a href="https://tinyurl.com/4pnajew7">https://tinyurl.com/4pnajew7</a>

For more information about volunteering in the **Mid and East Antrim** areas contact our Volunteering Support Officer:

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### **DISABILITY SPORT NI - Junior Basketball Volunteer Support (Ballymena)**



Disability Sport NI are the lead development agency for Wheelchair Basketball in Northern Ireland. Wheelchair Basketball is a fast paced sport for all ages and abilities. To support the development of our junior competition structure we require volunteers to support at our junior game days. Your role at these game days would include table officiating, score keeping, basic officiating (training provided), set up take down and general support at the events. There are 4 junior basketball blitzes planned for the 2025/26 one being in Ballymena on 18 April 2026 in Ballymena North Business & Recreation Centre so why not click the link and find out more <a href="https://tinyurl.com/3m82bz4k">https://tinyurl.com/3m82bz4k</a>

### **DOGS TRUST - Dog Grooming Volunteer (Ballymena)**



We are currently recruiting for a Volunteer Grooming Assistant to groom and service the dogs in our care. If you like to help provide comfort, health and wellbeing to dogs, we'd love to welcome you to our team! This role is flexible, so shifts can be discussed with our Volunteer Coordinator upon application. We are looking for someone with a professional qualification in dog grooming with previous experience of working with rescue dogs or in an animal shelter. Why not find out more by clicking the link <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2s44jeru">https://tinyurl.com/2s44jeru</a>

### **DOGS TRUST - Volunteer Canine Assistants (Ballymena)**



We are currently recruiting for Volunteer Canine Assistants to assist the canine carers in ensuring our animal accommodation facilities are cleaned and maintained. If you like to provide dogs with enrichment, exercise and comfortable kennel conditions, we'd love to welcome you to our team! Training will be provided and just think of all the skills you will gain such as animal welfare, general pet care and love, teamwork and time management so click this link and apply now <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2dts8xhr">https://tinyurl.com/2dts8xhr</a>

### 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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