

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](http://volunteernow.co.uk) If you need any assistance finding or registering for an opportunity, let us know and we can help!



### COUNTY DOWN FARMLAND BIRD SURVEYORS – RSPB NI

Do you like being outside surrounded by nature? If so, you could be part of important work to help reverse the decline of some of Northern Ireland's farmland birds, such as yellowhammers, linnets and lapwings. We are looking for volunteer surveyors to carry out four surveys on a designated farm allocated to them in East County Down. Surveys can be carried out from 15 April through to the end of June. Training will be provided on how to record priority species present and the methodology we use. <https://tinyurl.com/yckdydnv>



### APPEALS ADMIN. ASSISTANT – Community Advice Downpatrick & Newry

Are you looking to gain valuable experience in legal administration or office support? Join our team as a Volunteer Appeals Administration Assistant and help make a real difference in the lives of individuals navigating social security benefit appeals. As an Appeals Administration Assistant, you will support our Tribunal Representative in managing a busy caseload of clients appealing decisions related to social security benefits. This is a rewarding opportunity to develop administrative and legal support skills in a meaningful setting. <https://tinyurl.com/3nh73uwc>



### FAMILY PARK RUN VOLUNTEER - ~Dunleath Playfields Parkrun NI

Dunleath Playing Fields Parkrun is a free, fun, and friendly weekly 5k community event held every Saturday at 9:30am. It is entirely organised by volunteers. There are plenty of opportunities to try new roles, apply your skills or learn new ones, be with friends and family, meet people and be a part of the parkrun community. You don't need any experience of parkrun, or of volunteering. There are always people on hand if you have any questions. <https://tinyurl.com/26ev95vp>



### Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann - Belfast 2026 – Volunteer Now

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. Please contact [events@volunteernow.co.uk](mailto: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. <https://tinyurl.com/2f6w7nv9>

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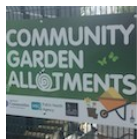
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### CENTRE SUPPORT VOLUNTEER – St Hanes Sloane Centre (Killeagh)

We're looking for a friendly, reliable volunteer to support the day-to-day activities at our centre, including helping with the small gift shop. As a Centre Support Volunteer, you'll be one of the first people visitors meet, offering a warm welcome and assisting with basic tasks that keep the centre running smoothly. <https://tinyurl.com/yv2yw6yx>



### 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 BEFRIENDER HOME VISITS – SEHSCT

Complement the delivery of services within the South Eastern Trust and enhance patient / client care, and quality of life by reducing social isolation and loneliness. The role offers an opportunity to build friendships with older people, to help them improve their quality of life, a chance to contribute invaluable to their local community and increase their own circle of friends. **Friendship / Befriending** Regularly visit your patient / client in their own home for a chat and companionship' to (to reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation) and subsequently arrange to take them out to other venues that offer opportunities for friendship and camaraderie. For more info: <https://tinyurl.com/4pmbjka2>



### ICT LEARNING SUPPORT VOLUNTEER – Clanrye Group

The Clanrye Group would like a volunteer to support teaching staff to deliver qualifications and workshops relating to ICT under the direction of the ICT tutor. You will support the participants during class with scribing tasks and visual guidance, welcome participants to the group and help them settle and have an understanding of Microsoft Office Applications. <https://tinyurl.com/ycyphf57>



### SUPPORT VOLUNTEER – Home-Start Down District

Home-Start would love you to join us! Could you spare 2 hours per week? We have lots of tired new parents across Down District who need some support with feeding newborns and playing with toddlers. Could you lend a hand at group, making the toast or helping with the activities? We offer volunteer expenses, great training and support and social events. New course starts 26th Sept for 4 weeks. We have opportunities to volunteer in the Downpatrick, Newcastle and Ballynahinch, Co Down areas. <https://tinyurl.com/mrxufk8d>



### GENERAL MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEER - True Harvest Seeds (Kilclief)

True Harvest Seeds is dedicated to conserving the wildflower seeds of Ireland. We are populating a native seed bank here in Co. Down. Working with a close knit team of volunteers and employees who help each and every day to keep the seeds, plants and farm growing and getting better. We are always busy with planting, harvesting, and processing seeds, and we could use a hand with general maintenance. We're seeking a volunteer who can spare a few hours each week to help keep our workspaces clean and organised. Your efforts will make a big difference in keeping our operations running smoothly. The post will be **on-site at 36 Ardglass Road, Kilclief**. And will involve general maintenance, tidying and organising of our workspaces and horticultural equipment. Ideally the volunteer could help us out one day a week (preferably on a Friday, 10am - 4pm) but we can work flexibly with the applicant to find times that suit them best. If you have a bit of time to help out, please contact us. We'd love to hear from you! <https://tinyurl.com/yc8camku>

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