

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!



FUNDRAISING VOLUNTEER – Cats Protection

As a charity we rely on funds donated by generous members of the public to continue to help cats and kittens in need. Our fundraising volunteers are part of a passionate team that help raise funds to help our feline friends in need. They help plan and deliver exciting and varied fundraising events, which can be anything from craft fairs, cake sales, sponsored abseils – and anything in between! <https://tinyurl.com/47e725jh>



APPEALS ADMIN. ASSISTANT – Community Advice Downpatrick

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/mtd7tj9n>



FUNDRAISING VOLUNTEERS - Guide Dogs NI

Guide Dogs NI are now recruiting fundraising volunteers! Volunteering with Guide Dogs in your local area means you'll join a friendly team and meet new people whilst improving the lives of people living with sight loss. You will have the chance to take part in some or all of the following: street collections on 'flag' days, help on stalls at local events, take Collection Boxes to local businesses, keep track of what we sell on our stalls and Count donations. <https://tinyurl.com/3wyfbm46>



ACTIVITY SUPPORT VOLUNTEER

(Good Morning Down, Session Support) Mainstay DRP Downpatrick

Do you enjoy supporting others to build confidence, develop skills, and independence? If so, Mainstay DRP would love to hear from you!

We are looking for dedicated and compassionate volunteers to support adults with learning disabilities to participate meaningfully and independently in a community-based volunteering activity.. This is a supporting role, helping service users take part in their activity with confidence. Every Monday 9:30am – 12:00pm

<https://tinyurl.com/66vzemk4>

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SKILLED VOLUNTEER - Saintfield Community Association

At the Saintfield Development Association we are looking for support for a number of projects, could you help with communications, events, funding or gardening? You will be joining a friendly group of like-minded individuals who love our village and work hard to provide opportunities to bring our community together. <https://tinyurl.com/4mwn2nd6>



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. <https://tinyurl.com/55c9cc77>



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/mtkr9zts>



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/3jr4k9t9>



FAMILY VOLUNTEERS and INDIVIDUAL PARKRUN VOLUNTEERS - 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. <https://tinyurl.com/mry6nafb>

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