

# Volunteer with Kirklees Visual Impairment Network



## Role: Drop-in support

### About KVIN:

Kirklees Visual Impairment Network is a user-led organisation run by and for people with Visual Impairments (VIs). We want to be able to enrich visually impaired people's lives through enabling them to use technology (equipment, software and apps) that can help them be as independent as possible and enjoy life to the full. We run drop-in peer support sessions in Huddersfield and Dewsbury to support people to know what technology may benefit them and train them to use the technology.

### Role description:

We need friendly and welcoming people to help run our drop-in peer support sessions in Huddersfield and Dewsbury.

You will help with welcoming service users, providing refreshments, help with completing paperwork and being a friendly help. You will be working alongside volunteers with VIs and be given the opportunity to learn about the technology available for people with VIs.

After completing Sighted Guide training, you will be able to guide people from the Train or Bus station to the office, so they are able to visit.

**Huddersfield Drop in:** Our offices, Room LG 12, Lower Ground floor, Brian Jackson House, New North parade, Huddersfield, HD1 5JP. Wednesday, Thursday or Friday 10am to 4pm.

**Dewsbury Drop in:** Dewsbury Town Hall, Wakefield Old Rd, Dewsbury WF12 8DG. Thursdays 11am to 2pm.

### Who you are:

You enjoy meeting people and are enthusiastic and friendly.

You can communicate with service users, staff and other volunteers.

You have good IT knowledge and are a good problem solver.

You want to give your time to KVIN to benefit local people with VIs.

### What you will gain:

Increased confidence in working with people, meet new people, make friends and enjoy yourself. Become part of a friendly and dedicated team.

Gain skills and experience for your career, including Sighted Guide Training.

Develop your IT skills and keep up to date with the latest technologies that can benefit people with Visual Impairments.

Be offered training opportunities to develop in your role.

### Additional information:

You will need 2 referees before you can start this role.

An induction to the organisation and role will be provided.

Travel expenses will be reimbursed and any other out of pocket expenses incurred.

You will be undertaking your role in spaces where there are Guide Dogs present.

KVIN have a flexible approach to volunteering and have a variety of roles available to suit individuals who want to get involved. Flexible commitment from 3 hours per week.

### For more information contact:

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