

Volunteer with Kirklees Visual Impairment Network



Role: Peer Support: VI

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 products and 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 them.

Role description:

We need people with VIs to help run our drop-in peer support sessions in Huddersfield and Dewsbury by sharing their knowledge of products and technology.

You will be working alongside other peer supporters to; learn together about the products and technology available, develop your own skills and pass on your knowledge to others attending.

We run friendly and informal drop in sessions where we welcome everyone and try to meet their needs to live independent lives. The drop-ins are also an opportunity to socialise and offer support to each other.

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.

Flexible commitment from 3 hours per week.

Who you are:

You have lived experience of Visual Impairment.

You enjoy meeting people and are enthusiastic and friendly.

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

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

You have some knowledge of products and technologies, but we will offer peer training.

What you will gain:

Increased confidence in working with people.

Become part of a friendly and dedicated team.

Meet new people, make friends and enjoy yourself.

Gain skills and experience for your career.

Keep up to date with the latest products and technologies that can benefit people with VIs.

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 a variety of roles available to suit individuals who want to get involved.

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