

Volunteer with Kirklees Visual Impairment Network



Role: Activity/Social Group Leader

About KVIN:

KVIN is a network of staff, volunteers and service users who help break down stereotypes of people with sight loss and encourage them to reach their full potential. We offer emotional support, guidance and friendship as well as providing peer support to help people with visual impairments learn to effectively use and make the most of technology such as Amazon Alexa, Google Home and various apps for phones and tablets.

As the charity is user-led, it is run by people with visual impairments and is a real lifeline for people who think they have to give up doing all the things they like due to sight loss.

To do this we are providing virtual support by Zoom and over the phone. We are expanding our services to provide additional information sessions to share useful information about services and technology and activity groups to have some fun with others and perhaps learn something new. We are seeking both Visually Impaired and sighted volunteers to help us expand our service.

Role description:

Could you lead a virtual or face to face group in a fun activity? We are looking for people who can help bring people together socially to keep conversation going and make sure people enjoy themselves.

If you have a particular skill you could share with others such as; easy exercise, cooking, book club, crafts or wellbeing, we'd like to hear from you!

Activities could be ongoing weekly or monthly or could be a one off or run for a few weeks.

We can work flexibly with volunteers and are willing to try new ideas.

Location: Virtually from home or face to face at our offices at Brian Jackson House, Huddersfield or Whitfield Centre, Batley.

Days and times: Wednesday, Thursday or Friday at a mutually beneficial time to suit. Weekly, monthly or a one-off. We're flexible!

Who you are:

You enjoy meeting people face to face or virtually and are enthusiastic and friendly. You can communicate well with others.

You may have a skill or hobby that you can share with others in a fun way.

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

What you will gain:

Increased confidence in working with people.

Become part of a friendly and dedicated team.

Meet new people and make friends.

Gain skills and experience for your career.

Be offered training opportunities to develop in your role.

Additional information:

You will need 2 references and a DBS check 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 may undertake 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.

For more information contact:

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