

# Volunteer with Kirklees Visual Impairment Network



## Role: Activity/ Social Group Sighted Guides

### 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 provide sighted guide support for our visually impaired service users attending face to face groups? We are looking for people who are friendly and welcoming who can make sure everyone is able to take part in the group activity.

You will help with welcoming service users, guiding them to the activity space, ensuring Covid19 procedures are in place, sign people in and generally being a friendly help.

We will provide Sighted Guide training, so you will be able to guide people confidently and safely during the group.

**Location:** at our offices at Brian Jackson House, Huddersfield or Whitfield Centre, Batley.

**Days and times:** Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday times to be confirmed.

### Who you are:

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.

### 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.

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 the role in a space 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.

### For more information contact:

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