

# Volunteer with Kirklees Visual Impairment Network



**Role: Peer Support: VI**

## **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.

## **Role description:**

We need people with Visual Impairments to help run our virtual peer support sessions via Zoom and telephone, 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 sessions where we welcome everyone and try to meet their needs to live independent lives. The groups are also an opportunity to socialise and offer support to each other.

**Virtual groups are running on Wednesday, Thursday, and Fridays weekly at various times.**

## **Who you are:**

You have lived experience of sight loss.

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 references 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.  
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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