

Group Facilitator Volunteer

Role description

Together we are help and hope for everyone living with dementia



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Why we need you

Our group services offer people affected by dementia the opportunity to access support and information, to meet others in a similar situation and to engage in meaningful activities in a welcoming and relaxed environment.

As a Group Facilitator Volunteer, you will play a key role in supporting the running and administration of the group and help with the planning and delivery of activities, supporting the wellbeing of people affected by dementia. There may be occasions where you have the opportunity to facilitate these group sessions unsupervised, should the need arise.



What you will be doing

- Welcoming people affected by dementia to the group and taking record of those attending.
- Planning, coordinating and delivering agreed activities.
- Helping to set up the location and tidying away at the end of the group.
- Encouraging and supporting people affected by dementia to participate in activities at the group location.
- Liaise with Local Services Staff if cash handling and recording is required.
- Referring group participants to Society staff for further support as appropriate.



This role will suit you if you

- Have good verbal communication and facilitation skills.
- Are confident and enthusiastic.
- Enjoy meeting new people and being part of a team.
- Are aware of or are willing to learn about dementia and its impact on people.
- Can demonstrate empathy and compassion.



What you can expect from us

- We will make you feel welcome, included and respected.
- You will receive training, ongoing supervision and support.
- You can claim pre-agreed out of pocket expenses (e.g. travel) in line with our policy.
- We'll keep you up to date with relevant policies and procedures that apply to your role.
- You'll have access to learning, development and engagement opportunities for volunteers



What we need from you

To ensure the safety and security of people with dementia we ask for:

- Two references and proof of identity.
- You will need to complete a criminal record check, in line with the legal requirements. A Criminal Record will not necessarily stop you being able to carry out this role.
- To put the role into practice most effectively volunteers are recommended to continue for at least 6 months.
- Learning at the start will take about 2-3 hours, followed by periodic refreshers.