

Volunteering opportunity

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Name of Organisation: Who Cares? Scotland

Title of Volunteer Opportunity: Participation Support Volunteer

ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY

Participation Support Volunteer:

Purpose and Aims of the role

We are looking for volunteers to help with our weekly drop-in for Care Experienced people aged 16+ in Glasgow city centre. The group will take place every Thursday from 6 pm to 8.30 pm

The drop-in provides a chance for care experienced individuals to make connection in a safe and relaxed environment. Your role would be to help staff set up and support the drop in, engaging with members and help facilitate activities. You'll help with making teas and coffees, prepare snacks, take part in games and be there to listen and chat.

Perhaps you have specific skills or ideas that you'd like to bring to the group.

In doing so, you will help provide a space for belonging, connection and an environment that makes everyone feel welcome and wanted.

You do not need to be Care Experienced for this role, but we are as always interested to hear from applicants with Care Experience.

What will I be doing?

- Supporting staff to run the weekly drop in.
- Supporting activities.
- Leading on activities.
- Supporting attendees.
- Helping out and having fun.
- Being a positive role model.

What skills can I bring to this role?

- A knowledge of issues affecting Care Experienced individuals.
- Ability to work well with people from all walks of life.
- Good communication and listening skills.
- Be adaptable and meet the needs of a dynamic group setting.

What qualities do I need?

- To have a non-judgemental approach to people, have empathy
- Be a good listener, our members will appreciate having you to talk to.
- Be enthusiastic, flexible, and committed
- Reliable and approachable
- Friendly, helpful, and understanding
- Reliability and a commitment to treat all information in a confidential manner
- To have a good value base, be open minded and level-headed

When will I be needed?

- Thursday evenings.

Location

Glasgow City Centre

What will I gain from the role?

- A sense of satisfaction from helping the care experienced community make connections,
- Practical experience of helping run a group.
- Experience to get back into the workplace or education
- Have fun!

What support will I be given?

- Induction and child protection training
- Role specific training
- Expenses – all out-of-pocket expenses will be reimbursed
- Supervision and support from your manager / coordinator

Additional Information

For all roles involving regulated work with children and young people, applicants will be required to submit a PVG Scheme Record or a PVG Scheme Record Update application. This opportunity is subject to the completion of satisfactory references and successful registration on the PVG Scheme.

This role involves the following:

Children

National and local participation sessions

Young people

All volunteers will be subject to application form, interview, reference and PVG Checks