



Volunteer Service Newsletter, Winchester October/November 2017

Did you know that Community First promotes hundreds of opportunities on behalf of charities, community groups and statutory organisations?

If you would like any information about the opportunities please contact the Volunteer Service by post, telephone or e-mail (details at the end of the newsletter) or alternatively look them up along with all our other opportunities on our website www.volunteerwessex.org

Latest News:

Community First is working in partnership with Peter Symonds College to find volunteering opportunities for their students. During term time the Volunteer Service will be at the college one

day a week to provide a brokerage service to match students' skills and needs with volunteering opportunities.

For further information please contact julie.eden@cfirst.org.uk or Tel. 0300 500 8085 option 1

Here is just a small selection of our current opportunities in Winchester:

Treasurer - Littleton and Harestock Show

We are looking for a new treasurer for the 2018 show starting in January. The treasurer manages the show's finances, advising the committee on the affordability of proposed expenditures, managing the Show Society's bank account, preparation of the annual statement of accounts, obtaining audit approval and presentation of the accounts to the AGM.

Stroke Support Group, Winchester

We are looking for a volunteer with up to date first aid skills to join our stroke support group.

Good interpersonal and communication skills, preferably with first aider qualification and/or IT skills. You need to be happy working with mainly older people and be willing to 'muck in' with our small, friendly group.

Dementia Support Volunteer - Winchester Hospital

Are you a warm and friendly person who enjoys chatting with older people, who may have some memory loss? In hospital, patients with dementia may experience disorientation, memory difficulties and while their families may be able to provide considerable support, a little extra help from a volunteer would be welcomed! This could be simply

chatting and reminiscing with patients, involving them in activities and generally befriending them. Volunteers support and are happy to sign post relatives and carers for further information.

Royal British Legion Caseworker

As a volunteer caseworker you will meet with beneficiaries to assess their circumstances and determine if they are eligible for Legion support. You will play a key role in meeting and providing practical and emotional support to members of the Armed Forces community.

Winchester Churches Nightshelter - Jewry Street

Short term help required. We are looking for people who could help us sort through tins and donations coming into us for Harvest. Even lunchtime help would be appreciated.

Contact Michele Price on 01962 862050 email: admin@wcns.org.uk

Volunteer Minute Taker - Winchester Poetry Festival

The volunteer would take minutes at the monthly Trustee meeting and then type up and distribute the minutes. You should be reliable, have a high level of written English, be able to write accurately and succinctly, have basic IT skills and good organisational/admin skills. Previous experience is not necessary although would be an advantage.

Mentoring Young People Aged 14-17 - Hampshire Children's Services

A package of interventions and support will be offered to include: positive activities for young people. Support Workers to coordinate the support and work alongside the young person to help them engage

in activities. Face to Face meetings are likely to take place in a variety of local settings to be agreed between the young person volunteer and volunteer coordinator and may include schools, youth clubs, cafes etc.

It is anticipated that most of the mentoring activity will take place during Monday to Friday day time and early evening, there may occasionally be the need to offer mentoring support at weekends.

OPAL Volunteer - Age Concern Hampshire

This is an opportunity to help socially isolated older people in your community. Opal volunteers are trained to visit older people in their own homes to provide information about local groups, activities and services, with the aim of encouraging them to engage with their local community. Some Opal volunteers accompany clients to new activities and clubs to help them become established.

*Find out about our **Employee Volunteering Scheme** which enables businesses based in East Hampshire, Havant and Winchester to easily access volunteering team challenges and individual skill shares. To find out more, call Rachel Taylor on 0300 500 8085 or email Rachel.taylor@cfirst.org.uk*

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