

Volunteer Role Description

Title	Group Support Volunteer
Volunteer Lead	Community Engagement Coordinator / Group Facilitator
Location	North Somerset
Time Commitment	Minimum 2 hours per week.

Role summary

As a Group Work Support Volunteer you will be working alongside our Group Facilitators to help our clients engage with and participate in a variety of recovery groups and activities.

We have a range of group opportunities including our Family and Friends groups and Mutual Aid Partnership (M.A.P) groups and would like for you to help shape the delivery of these sessions to the individuals we support.

What will you be doing?

- Supporting the Group Work Facilitator to deliver group sessions
- Promoting groups that are available in the service
- Supporting and encouraging individuals to participate in group activities
- Working with the team to identify individuals who would benefit from group sessions
- Supporting staff with the preparation and planning of new groups

The skills you will need

- Willingness to complete appropriate training and work in line with the motivational interviewing technique.

- A friendly, positive and approachable manner
- Ability to work with people in a non-judgmental and solution-focused way
- Ability to deliver key messages in a group setting
- Able to work independently and as part of a diverse team
- Ability to empathise with the challenges faced by the people using our services
- Able to follow instructions and act on own initiative within set boundaries
- Good command of the English Language both verbally and in writing
- Ability to respect and maintain confidentiality
- Lived experience of drug and/or alcohol journey(s) is not required but people who have lived experience are encouraged to apply

What's in it for you?

- Access to relevant training and ongoing role-specific guidance, support and additional learning opportunities throughout your time with us
- Opportunity to use and develop your skills as part of giving back to your local community
- Volunteer alongside a friendly and professional team that makes a real difference to people's lives
- Gain valuable experience and insight into the inner workings of a Community Drug and Alcohol service
- Regular contact and support at every stage of your journey as a volunteer, including an assigned member of staff for supervision and development
- Reimbursement of out of pocket expenses, in accordance with our Volunteer Expenses policy
- An opportunity to feedback about your experience volunteering with us
- Access to We Are With You employee assist programme

Please note that we require you to be a minimum of 18 years of age to be considered for this volunteering role

This role is subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check at an Enhanced Level