

Volunteer Role Description

Community Development Worker Assistant



SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY THROUGH
ADVICE, SUPPORT & SERVICES

Report to:	Community Development Worker (Health)
Work base:	The Healthy Living Centre, Walton Court, Aylesbury (with travel throughout Buckinghamshire)
Key Contacts:	Public/Service Users Colleagues Partners

Role Summary

Volunteer must be willing and enthusiastic who can lend a hand and utilise their skills to make a real difference to others and a great way to get involved in your local community. By volunteering you can learn new skills, improve your CV, build your confidence and meet new people.

Your support is a really valuable way to support the planning, implementation and evaluation of community development initiatives within disadvantaged areas of Buckinghamshire. You will gain experience of working with a range of partner organisations, understand the needs of communities and have knowledge of health, social care and community development issues with particular reference to adults.

Key Activities:

- To assist the Community Development Worker in community development initiatives incorporating Health initiatives from national and local levels to address health inequalities and alleviate barriers.
- Work with colleagues and external agencies to identify needs of the local community and ensure projects developed to support the findings.
- To help raise the public awareness of projects run by the HLC, other partner projects and issues relevant to the community.
- To develop relationships, and network to identify community needs and opportunities and potential funding sources.
- To support HLC teams (Outreach, Community Development and Children's Centre) with Health initiatives, knowledge and access.
- Empower and facilitate individuals and communities to identify and articulate their needs, opportunities, rights and responsibilities

Skills Required:

- Confident
- Motivated
- Able to motivate participants with very basic literacy, language and numeracy skills
- Able to motivate participants with little confidence and encourage participation
- Able to develop and deliver training materials if deemed appropriate to suit the needs and abilities of the learners
- Good communication skills
- Ability to relate to people from a wide range of backgrounds
- Ability to work with people from varying learning abilities
- An understanding of different cultures and their sensitivities
- An understanding of the potential challenges working in areas of high deprivations

Volunteer requires enhanced DBS disclosure, which The Healthy Living Centre can arrange if not already in place.

There may be opportunities for supported training and development depending on the person and their interest.

This Role Description is an overall activities list and does not form any part of a contract of work.

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