**Camden and Islington Volunteering Fair**

**Wednesday 14th June 2023, 12-2pm**

**@ Kentish Town Community Centre**

**17 Busby Place, NW5 2SP**

**Hello orgs!**

**Please find below information from the organisations that attended the volunteering fair and the volunteering roles that they are recruiting for at the moment.**

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22. **Action Tutoring**

**a. What is the name of your organisation and its mission?**

Action Tutoring unlocks the potential of children and young people who are facing disadvantage. We are tackling the attainment gap head-on by forging partnerships with schools nationwide. Our trained volunteer tutors are empowered to enable pupils to make meaningful academic progress, opening doors to future opportunities.

**b. What is the title of the volunteering role(s) that you are recruiting for and a brief description of that role(s)**

**Volunteer Tutor (English or maths)**

Action Tutoring supports disadvantaged pupils who are studying towards their SATs (aged 9-11) and GCSEs (aged 14-16) with their maths or English. The commitment is one hour a week (at the same time each week) for 10 to 20 weeks. You can tutor in person or online, depending on your location and preference.

Our volunteers are provided with training, a DBS check, in-session support from a Programme Coordinator and tutor workbooks.

**c. Why would someone want to volunteer with you?**

Through tutoring with us our volunteers are able to develop a wealth of transferable skills, including facilitation, initiative, working with children, communication, planning, emotional intelligence, resilience, and confidence.

Action Tutoring volunteers come from a range of different backgrounds and occupations and are aged from 18 to 82! As a volunteer tutor you’ll have the opportunity to meet like-minded individuals in your community and have a direct impact on the outcomes of the next generation.

After you’ve volunteered on a full programme with us, we can provide a reference (upon request) for future employers.

Questions? Join an info session: [eventbrite.co.uk/o/action-tutoring-50582565643](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/action-tutoring-50582565643)

**d. How can someone find out more and / or express an interest in your role (s)?**

To apply, follow the link below and complete our online application form. This should take no longer than 15 to 20 minutes and we aim to review all applications within 1 to 2 working days. For any inquiries please contact hello@actiontutoring.org.uk

[**https://actiontutoring.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer/**](https://actiontutoring.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer/)

1. **Advice for Renters**

**a.** **What is the name of your organisation and its mission (why does it exist, what does it aim to do)**

*Advice for Renters is a small charity offering legal aid to people in private rented accommodation. We believe that Safe, secure housing is a fundamental human right and that the life outcomes and wellbeing of people living in private rented housing should be no different from anyone else. We punch above our weight, seeing the whole person, not ‘just’ the ‘problem’ and offer a rounded service to our clients as well as campaigning for a better private rented sector. We have a Housing Advice team, a debt management service and a mentoring & befriending project.*

**b.** **What is the title of the volunteering role(s) that you are recruiting for and a brief description of that role(s)**

***Mentor –*** *offering 1:1 emotional and practical support, working towards goals agreed from the beginning. Training will be on Saturday 8th July 2023.*

***Administrative Assistant*** *– 1st point of contact for callers. Updating database and other admin tasks.*

***Community Money Mentor –*** *1:1 support for people wanting to improve their financial circumstances. You will be helping with budgeting, maximising income and minimising costs.*

***Training Facilitator******-*** *Deliver bespoke money management workshops in an informative and relaxing environment.*

***Generalist Debt Advisor******-*** *To work closely with our debt managers helping to resolve unmanageable debt. Prior experience not necessary.*

**c.** **Why would someone want to volunteer with you? What difference will be made to them, to your organisation and / or the local community. Are there any other benefits to them (such as personal development, alleviating loneliness, something to put on** their CV etc)?

Volunteers are well-supported and an integral and vital part of our services. You will be part of a small, supportive team and be giving invaluable help to people in need, which will develop your skills and knowledge as well as theirs. We offer you regular on-going support, travel expenses, the opportunity to access training and a reference after 3 months. A4R will also pay for your DBS check.

**d.** **How can someone find out more and / or express an interest in your role (s)?**

To get in touch:

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Debt advisor Pat Fernandes pat.fernandes@advice4renters.org.uk

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1. **A Space For Us**

**What is the name of your organisation and its mission (why does it exist, what does it aim to do)**

*Your answer here*

**b.** **What is the title of the volunteering role(s) that you are recruiting for and a brief description of that role(s)**

*Your answer here*

**c.** **Why would someone want to volunteer with you? What difference will be made to them, to your organisation and / or the local community. Are there any other benefits to them (such as personal development, alleviating loneliness, something to put on their CV etc)?**

*Your answer here*

**d.** **How can someone find out more and / or express an interest in your role (s)?**

*Your answer here*

1. **Centre 404**

**a.** **What is the name of your organisation and its mission (why does it exist, what does it aim to do)**

*Centre 404*

**b.** **What is the title of the volunteering role(s) that you are recruiting for and a brief description of that role(s)**

* ***Fundraising Volunteer-*** *To support the Fundraising Officer with organising virtual and in-person events, assist with supporter campaigns and digital challenges and making connections with local businesses.*
* ***Reception and Admin Volunteer-*** *The purpose of the Receptionist Volunteer is to assist the Central Services team in helping support administrative/receptionist tasks.*
* ***Garden Support Volunteer-*** *To help support our adult garden volunteers who have mild to moderate learning disabilities with various gardening tasks. No gardening skills required! The group of around 10 meet weekly to do light gardening work (weeding, watering, etc.) for an hour and then have an hour tea break to chat. Receive the therapeutic value of being outdoors while reaping the mental benefits of volunteering by giving back and making new friends!*
* ***Group Activities Buddy/ Befriender Volunteer-*** *to help support staff with the various activities and groups they have at Leigh Road. This helps target social isolation found among those with learning disabilities and encourages social interaction through activities, outings, and conversation.*
* ***Friday Night Social Support Volunteer-*** *The purpose of this role will be to involve attendees and to encourage everyone to participate in the event. In addition, this role will help with the practical elements of setting up and breaking down the weekly event.*
* ***Children and Young People (CYP) Group Activities Volunteer-*** *To help children and young people with learning disabilities and/ or autism to build more independence and confidence in their lives, as well as helping reduce social isolation by building relationships and interacting more within their community.*
* ***Volunteer events facilitator-*** *To help plan activities and events*

* ***Dog Support Volunteer-*** *volunteers with a dog to provide befriending/ buddy support to our service users with a learning disability or autism within our supported living projects.
Adult Activities Volunteer- Adult groups at Centre 404 target confidence building, improving social interaction, increasing independence, and building relationships.
Swimming Support Volunteer- Swimming on Saturday is a fun and accessible activity for children with learning disabilities and autism, and provides respite for family carers. This role will help facilitate the swimming group and provide additional adult support.*
* ***Travel Buddy Volunteer-*** *To provide an opportunity for young people to build up their social confidence and increase their travel independence*

**c.** **Why would someone want to volunteer with you? What difference will be made to them, to your organisation and / or the local community. Are there any other benefits to them (such as personal development, alleviating loneliness, something to put on their CV etc)?**

Centre 404 is working towards a world where people with learning disabilities and/or autism and their families have the support they need to enjoy the same rights, freedom, responsibilities, choices and quality of life as people within the wider community.

Top 5 reasons why people volunteer with us: 1. want to help people and make a difference 2. To get work experience in education /career 3. To feel part of and give back to community 4. To make good use of existing skills 5. The cause is important to their family & friends

**d.** **How can someone find out more and / or express an interest in your role (s)?**

Visit our website:<https://centre404.org.uk/contact-us/>
 Email: volunteer@centre404.org.uk

1. **Families For Peace**

**a.** **What is the name of your organisation and its mission (why does it exist, what does it aim to do)**

**Families4Peace welcomes, informs and advocates for refugees in Camden. Presently we organise a number of events for families, adults and children.**

**b.** **What is the title of the volunteering role(s) that you are recruiting for and a brief description of that role(s)**

*We are looking for a range of volunteers. To help us run the community centre, mentor adults and teens and offer services such as IT skills, CV writing, English conversational classes, art teachers and translating.*

**c.** **Why would someone want to volunteer with you? What difference will be made to them, to your organisation and / or the local community. Are there any other benefits to them (such as personal development, alleviating loneliness, something to put on their CV etc)?**

*Families4Peace has a dedicated and engaged team of volunteers who love working with our community and making a tangible difference in their lives.*

*Learn more about us at* [*www.families4peace.co.uk*](http://www.families4peace.co.uk)

**d.** **How can someone find out more and / or express an interest in your role (s)?**

*Contact Families4Peace at* *info@families4peace.co.uk**.*

1. **Guide Dogs UK**

**a.** **What is the name of your organisation and its mission (why does it exist, what does it aim to do)**

*Guide Dogs UK*

**b.** **What is the title of the volunteering role(s) that you are recruiting for and a brief description of that role(s)**

*Training Dog Fosterer – looking after a dog at weekends and evenings and bringing them to ‘school’ at our office on weekdays.*

*My Sighted Guide – partnering with a service user to go out with them for 2-3 hours once a week. We match you with someone with similar interests and you will help to build their confidence in getting out and about.*

**c.** **Why would someone want to volunteer with you? What difference will be made to them, to your organisation and / or the local community. Are there any other benefits to them (such as personal development, alleviating loneliness, something to put on their CV etc)?**

*There are 80,000 people living with sight loss in the UK who rarely leave home alone as they do not have the confidence to do so. You will be helping Guide Dogs to provide services that enable someone to live the life they choose by enabling them to get out and about in the community and do the things they love. Fostering a dog will give you the companionship of a dog, keeping you active and knowing your dog will go on to radically improve someone’s life. It will give you the opportunity to benefit from a dog at no cost and to have a dog even if you work full-time. You will receive full training for your role and the opportunity to meet new people.*

**d.** **How can someone find out more and / or express an interest in your role (s)?**

*Sign up on the day or register at* [*www.guidedogs.org.uk/volunteering*](http://www.guidedogs.org.uk/volunteering)

1. **Kenwood House - English Heritage**

**a.** **What is the name of your organisation and its mission (why does it exist, what does it aim to do)**

English Heritage cares for over 400 historic buildings, monuments and sites and through these, we bring the story of England to life. On the edge of Hampstead Heath and surrounded by tranquil landscaped gardens, Kenwood is one of London's hidden gems. The breathtaking interiors and stunning world-class art collection, which includes Rembrandt's 'Self-Portrait with Two Circles', are free for everyone to enjoy.

**b.** **What is the title of the volunteering role(s) that you are recruiting for and a brief description of that role(s)**

**Explainer Volunteer:** We are looking for friendly and enthusiastic people to assist with welcoming visitors, telling stories, and helping them to enjoy their visit by bringing this magnificent site to life.

**Driver Volunteer:** We have a mobility vehicle on site which transports visitors from the car park to key areas around Kenwood, such as the House, Dairy, café and shops, and makes the site more accessible. We are looking for volunteers to drive the mobility vehicle and provide a warm and friendly welcome to all visitors, so they get the most from their visit.

**c.** **Why would someone want to volunteer with you? What difference will be made to them, to your organisation and / or the local community. Are there any other benefits to them (such as personal development, alleviating loneliness, something to put on their CV etc)?**

Volunteers play a key role in the delivery of our mission, and help our visitors get the most from their visit. Our roles are a chance to learn and share a passion for history with the public, as well as gain new skills and work experience. Volunteering with English Heritage gives you free access to all of our sites, and benefits like travel expenses and refreshments. We also run a programme of exclusive social events and exciting training opportunities which volunteers can access.

**d.** **How can someone find out more and / or express an interest in your role (s)?**

To find out more information about the Explainer role, you can visit this page: [Kenwood House Explainer Volunteer | English Heritage (english-heritage.org.uk)](https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/support-us/Volunteer/kenwood-house-explainer-volunteer/) or to find out more about our Driver role: [Kenwood Driver Volunteer | English Heritage (english-heritage.org.uk)](https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/support-us/Volunteer/kenwood-driver-volunteer/)

You can also find our online application form through these links, or you can contact us at Kenwood.volunteering@english-heritage.org.uk

1. **Light Project Pro International**

**a.** **What is the name of your organisation and its mission (why does it exist, what does it aim to do)**

*Light Project is a educational charity that runs a community centre near Caledonian road tube station. LPPI runs educational projects for people of all ages from diverse communities, to achieve their full potential. Also providing the community with advice, translation and interpreting services, on welfare benefits, housing and other assistance. We undertake physical and mental wellbeing activities. We focus particularly on people at risk of being socially marginalised and promote social inclusion.*

**b.** **What is the title of the volunteering role(s) that you are recruiting for and a brief description of that role(s)**

*We have several roles that we are recruiting for, however we also welcome volunteers across all of our work, including:*

*Food bank assistant - helping take or collect deliveries, sort and distribution of food parcels*

*Employment Mentors - helping young people aged 18 to 24 into employment*

*Homework Club teaching assistants - helping children with homework up to GCSE level (Saturdays midday)*

*Outreach Work - helping our outreach worker with going out into the local communities to advertise our work & talk to people to find out their needs*

*Wellbeing/welfare assistants - helping with welfare calls and general assistants to some of the more vulnerable people in the community.*

*Administration - helping with general administration to our centre or a specific project.*

**c.** **Why would someone want to volunteer with you? What difference will be made to them, to your organisation and / or the local community. Are there any other benefits to them (such as personal development, alleviating loneliness, something to put on their CV etc)?**

*We offer developmental roles across several projects that can result in certified learning/CPD or from internal learning/experience depending on the work carried out. These positions can indeed be included on the volunteers CV for future use. Alternatively we are happy for volunteers to try working across different projects, to gain a wider set of experience/skills, test future career paths or to just gain a little more confidence in their abilities.*

*We are also quite flexible and understand that volunteers often have other commitments and am, to provide a friendly multicultural environment for everyone that walks through our doors!*

**d.** **How can someone find out more and / or express an interest in your role (s)?**

*Phone: 0207 833 4009*

*Email:* *adam.parr@lppi.org.uk*

*Or pop in and see us in person - The Exchange, Watkinson Road, London, N7 8DE*

1. **Marie Curie**

**a.** **What is the name of your organisation and its mission (why does it exist, what does it aim to do)**

*Marie Curie is the UK’s leading end of life charity. We provide frontline nursing and hospice care, a free support line and a wealth of information and support on all aspects of dying, death and bereavement.*

**b.** **What is the title of the volunteering role(s) that you are recruiting for and a brief description of that role(s)**

*Helper Volunteer - Befriending people with a terminal or life limiting illness by visiting them in their home once a week for companionship.*

*Hospice Volunteer - Our volunteering opportunities within our Hospice in Hampstead range from gardening to community engagement, and from admin to gym assistant. All roles that improve the lives and the environment of our patients.*

*Companion Volunteer - Our Companion service provides volunteers at peoples bedside for end of life emotional support within Guy’s and St Thomas Hospital. This service is launching soon and will provide much needed support for those in their final weeks and days.*

**c.** **Why would someone want to volunteer with you? What difference will be made to them, to your organisation and / or the local community. Are there any other benefits to them (such as personal development, alleviating loneliness, something to put on their CV etc)?**

*Volunteering with Marie Curie is a great way to give back to your community and support someone in a critical moment of their life. It is also a great way to get experience if you are thinking about a career where people and relationship building is the focus.*

**d.** **How can someone find out more and / or express an interest in your role (s)?**

*You can contact our team at* *londonvolunteering@mariecurie.org.uk* *or give us a call on 0207 091 4135 to find out more about how you can help.*

1. **Metropolitan Police Service**

**a.** **What is the name of your organisation and its mission (why does it exist, what does it aim to do)**

*Your answer here*

**b.** **What is the title of the volunteering role(s) that you are recruiting for and a brief description of that role(s)**

***Islington/Camden Community-Based Volunteer*** *Are you interested in making London a safer place? Do you want to do more for your community? If you wish to support policing on the street, with a range of activities that aim to prevent crime, promote safety and make a positive contribution to their local communities, join our Islington/Camden Community-Based Volunteers.*

**c.** **Why would someone want to volunteer with you? What difference will be made to them, to your organisation and / or the local community. Are there any other benefits to them (such as personal development, alleviating loneliness, something to put on their CV etc)?**

*This is a rewarding role where you can make a difference to our great city, whilst learning new skills and meeting new people.*

*Great opportunity to learn about policing and supporting your community with events and deployments. Various task with flexibility based all over the London area.*

**d.** **How can someone find out more and / or express an interest in your role (s)?**

*Check out the following links for further details and to register your interest:* [*Islington*](https://www.vcconnectsystem.org.uk/VAIslingtonVMS2/VolunteerOpportunities/DetailsForSearch/1353) */* [*Camden*](https://www.vcconnectsystem.org.uk/VAIslingtonVMS2/VolunteerOpportunities/DetailsForSearch/1353) *Please email* *susanne.wermter@met.police.uk* *to gain further information.*

1. **Number Champions**

**a.** **What is the name of your organisation and its mission (why does it exist, what does it aim to do)**

*Number Champions*

*Our volunteers support younger children in state primary schools in maths.*

*Every child deserves a good education, leading to better opportunities in life; numeracy, like literacy, is a crucial part of this. Because many children have difficulty acquiring maths skills in a classroom setting, we established Number Champions to support children in state primary schools who have fallen behind in maths.*

*We train volunteers to help children aged six to eight (school Years 2 and 3) to acquire skills, confidence, and a sense of achievement in maths. Success in this one area can improve a child's overall educational and life chances.*

**b.** **What is the title of the volunteering role(s) that you are recruiting for and a brief description of that role(s)**

*Volunteer primary school maths tutor*

*We will train you to work one-to-one with a child aged six to eight in a local state primary school whom the teacher has selected as being behind in mathis*

*Following training, our volunteers work one-to-one with each child to help them improve their confidence, enjoyment, and skills in maths. Sessions are weekly, in school time but outside the classroom, and are for 25 or 30 minutes. Volunteers typically support three children, for a total commitment of an hour and a half weekly, for the full school year. (We recognise that volunteers will generally have to miss a week here and there for personal reasons.)*

*As a volunteer, at each session, using games and other creative activities, you will support the child in learning or improving skills and in gaining confidence in their own ability. The role is very much about helping the child learn, rather than you teaching.*

*Former and current teachers, volunteering with us as ‘Mentors’, deliver the training and will give you individual support during the year as required. We also have online group update sessions each half term, where a Mentor or guest speaker speaks on a particular topic and runs a question and answer session with volunteers.*

**c.** **Why would someone want to volunteer with you? What difference will be made to them, to your organisation and / or the local community. Are there any other benefits to them (such as personal development, alleviating loneliness, something to put on their CV etc)?**

*Satisfaction from helping children achieve their potential.*

*Improving your coaching and interpersonal skills.*

*Getting involved in your local community and making new connections.*

*Fun! Working with young children is generally a joy.*

*For some volunteers, this is a stepping stone to a career in teaching.*

**d.** **How can someone find out more and / or express an interest in your role (s)?**

[*https://www.numberchampions.org.uk/*](https://www.numberchampions.org.uk/)

*Email us at* *volunteer@numberchampions.org.uk*

1. **Oxfam**

**a.** **What is the name of your organisation and its mission (why does it exist, what does it aim to do)**

*Oxfam Shop Islington*

*Oxfam Shop Camden*

*Oxfam Shop Kentish Town*

*Oxfam Shop Dalston*

*Oxfam Shop Covent Garden*

*Oxfam Bookshop Bloomsbury Street*

*Oxfam Shop Goodge Street*

*Oxfam Shop Marylebone High Street*

*Oxfam Shop St John's Wood*

*Oxfam Shop Highgate & Highgate Bookshop*

*The purpose of Oxfam is to help create lasting solutions to the injustice of poverty. We are part of a global movement for change, one that empowers people to create a future that is secure, just, and free from poverty.*

**b.** **What is the title of the volunteering role(s) that you are recruiting for and a brief description of that role(s)**

***Retail Volunteer***

*As a Retail Volunteer you will learn all about what goes into making our fantastic shop thrive. You can keep busy in the stockroom sorting and checking donations or be on the shop floor, serving customers and putting stock out on sale. Whatever suits you!*

***Trainee Lead Volunteer***

*As a Lead Volunteer, you will assist the shop manager in leading, managing and planning for the development of a shop team. We’ll give you ongoing training and support to get you ready to lead a shift, train your team, and be left in charge.*

***Stockroom Volunteer***

*As a Stockroom Volunteer, you will help our friendly shop team by sorting, checking, and making the most of the fantastic variety of donated items in our friendly shop.*

***Social Media Volunteer***

*As a Social Media Volunteer you will help our friendly shop team by connecting with your community to attract new supporters to the shop.*

***Lunch Cover Sales Assistant Volunteer***

*Are you short of time but want to do something different for an hour on a regular basis?*

*As a Lunch Cover Sales Assistant Volunteer you will be helping for an hour or two at the till during our busiest opening times, serving customers as the friendly face of your shop.*

***Online Shop Volunteer (instore)***

*As an Online Shop Volunteer you’ll be behind the scenes in our busy shop and learn all about selling donated gems through Oxfam’s unique Online Shop. You can get involved in everything from researching, describing, photographing, to posting.*

**c.** **Why would someone want to volunteer with you? What difference will be made to them, to your organisation and / or the local community. Are there any other benefits to them (such as personal development, alleviating loneliness, something to put on their CV etc)?**

*People become Oxfam shop volunteers for all sorts of reasons. But there's one thing that unites them: they're one-of-a-kind.*

*Oxfam retail volunteers make a real impact every shift and help us work towards a kinder and radically better world, one without poverty.*

*You can volunteer in one of our shops or hubs across the UK from the age of 14. Volunteering at Oxfam is the perfect way to make friends and gain new skills, whether you're looking to improve your CV, take on a new challenge or just have fun!*

**d.** **How can someone find out more and / or express an interest in your role (s)?**

*Speak to Joyce or Karen today at our stall or pop into your local Oxfam Shop! Complete an expression of interest form and the Shop Manager will be in touch.*

*Go to* [*https://volunteering.oxfam.org.uk/*](https://volunteering.oxfam.org.uk/) *type in your postcode and apply online for opportunities in your local shop*

*Volunteering can be very flexible to suit you. So even if your availability or skills don’t match these roles, get in touch and we will find something right for you. By volunteering for a few hours a week, you will meet new people and have some fun for a good cause.*

*IPlease contact us on* *givetime@oxfam.org.uk*

1. **People’s Museum A Space For Us**

**a.** **What is the name of your organisation and its mission (why does it exist, what does it aim to do)**

*People’s Museum A Space for us*

*We have made a space for the history of an area at risk of being submerged by development!*

*This is a community space to preserve local voice and the area; we celebrate an incredible ‘****radical, reformers and rebels****‘ histories, we record the change now, as well as to campaign and preserve local* ***working class*** *heritage.*

*This small* ***community museum*** *has been set up by local residents with the aim of playing a part in sustainable development of cities and civic society, and reducing inequality.*

*The Museum is at 52 Phoenix Road, NW1 1ES, within the Ossulston Estate, a Grade 2 listed social housing.*

**b.** **What is the title of the volunteering role(s) that you are recruiting for and a brief description of that role(s)**

*Community engagement - with teaching skills*

*We need an outgoing people person who is equally at ease bring front of house: explaining (with our input) the museum and its purpose to our varied visitors; ideally is good at promotion, events. Flexible hours/ days from Wednesdays to Saturdays.*

*Optional: we also need a part time teacher for our Hi-Story Club (age 11+) - teaching skills or experience needed - DBS can be arranged. We are developing an education programme - you could be the person to develop with us!*

**c.** **Why would someone want to volunteer with you? What difference will be made to them, to your organisation and / or the local community. Are there any other benefits to them (such as personal development, alleviating loneliness, something to put on their CV etc)?**

*Working in a deprived community can be incredibly rewarding and fulfilling experience.*

*What you can get out of it:*

* *Meet new people in a small friendly place*
* *You can acquire new skills in social media and in collections care*
* *Learn internet skills - update our website*
* *Work with amazing people (professor) and learn amazing history*
* *Be there at the start of a growing museum!*
* *Build your confidence and self esteem*
* *Enhance your cv for the next step in your career*
* *Connect with people and make a difference in your community*

**d.** **How can someone find out more and / or express an interest in your role (s)?**

*To call 07876527103*

*Email: diana@aspaceforus.club*

*Online: www.aspaceforus.club*

1. **Queen's Crescent Community Association**

**a.** **What is the name of your organisation and its mission (why does it exist, what does it aim to do)**

*QCCA (Queen’s Crescent Community Association)*

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***Its vision is to provide high quality services that are responsive to the needs of the whole community.***

***It is passionate about empowering local people.***

***It listens to the diverse interests of all ethnic, cultural and religious ‘groups - and finds ways to channel them towards a common good.***

***‘Helping our community live the best years of their lives whatever their age’***

**b.** **What is the title of the volunteering role(s) that you are recruiting for and a brief description of that role(s)**

***Kitchen Assistants***

*QCCA s looking for volunteers to help prepare lunches on Wednesdays and to clear away afterwards. The lunch is from 12 - 2 pm, but volunteers would be needed from 10.30 to 3 pm. If not possible to do the whole shift, can be flexible with regard to hours.*

***Bus Driver***

*A fully qualified driver with a clean licence and experience of driving minibuses needed to take our older members on monthly outings to places of interest, approximately 5 hours per month. Midas training will be provided and an enhanced DBS required.*

***Art class tutor/facilitator***

*Do you have experience of teaching art? QCCA is looking for someone to run an art class on Friday afternoons, twice a month or can be every week (2.30 to 4.30 pm). All materials provided.*

***Telephone Befrienders***

*Do you have an hour a week to spare? Telephone befrienders required to call our most isolated members for a friendly chat. Days and times to suit the volunteer and befriendee. An enhanced DBS will be required.*

***Accompaniment volunteers for our monthly outings***

*QCCA’s 55+ programme has outings every month, days and times flexible, but normally from 11 to 4 pm. Sometimes they are on public transport and sometimes the QCCA minibus. The Older People’s Service is looking for volunteers to support the outings, ensuring that no-one gets lost or falls over, and that there is always someone to talk to.*

*Foodbank Volunteers required for Tuesdays and Thursdays to help with unpacking/storing food deliveries and also serving food. Hours flexible.*

**c.** **Why would someone want to volunteer with you? What difference will be made to them, to your organisation and / or the local community. Are there any other benefits to them (such as personal development, alleviating loneliness, something to put on their CV etc)?**

*By volunteering for QCCA you would be supporting some of the most vulnerable members of the community, in one of the most deprived wards in the UK. Your volunteering experience can be used for personal development, especially if you need to develop skills for a career in health or social care, for example. Or, it will enable you to give something back to the community or to meet new people - it is a very vibrant centre with lots going on.*

**d.** **How can someone find out more and / or express an interest in your role (s)?**

*Please contact Mary Pierce, Older Peoples Services Coordinator on*

*07771 338749 or email: mary@qcca.org.uk*

1. **ReachOut**

**a.** **What is the name of your organisation and its mission (why does it exist, what does it aim to do)**

*ReachOut*

*ReachOut is a national mentoring and education charity, rooted in local communities. Working in under-resourced areas we support young people to grow in character and confidence, sparking change in themselves and society.*

*Character, Confidence and Change is at the heart of everything that we do. The high quality, intensive programmes we deliver therefore go far beyond academic tutoring. We believe that building character, by which we mean Fairness, Self-control, Good Judgement and Staying Power, and self-confidence is key in helping young people to thrive.*

*Our ReachOut projects help young people to develop this through a combination of 1:1 mentoring and group activities that encourage leadership, trust and responsibility. Our mentors volunteer for two hours per week, working in one of our projects with a young person over the course of the school year.*

**b.** **What is the title of the volunteering role(s) that you are recruiting for and a brief description of that role(s)**

*Volunteer mentor*

*As a ReachOut mentor you will make a real difference to the lives of young people in your local community, you will watch them grow in social and academic confidence, develop their character and raise their aspirations.*

*You will be involved in one of our weekly after-school ReachOut Projects, working with either primary or secondary school students. Our sessions are fun and engaging, involving both group activities and one-to-one discussions. The high quality, intensive programmes we deliver go far beyond academic tutoring, as we believe that building character and self-confidence is key in helping young people to thrive. As a mentor you will be paired with a young person, who you will work with each week over the course of the school year, helping them to develop their character, exceed their goals and grow in confidence. You will also take part in group activities that promote leadership, trust and responsibility.Whether or not you've worked with young people before we would love to have you come and mentor with us. You will have the opportunity to develop a whole range of skills from communication and team work to leadership and problem solving. You will also be able to meet new people, make new friends and spend two hours a week having fun and knowing you're making a difference!*

**c.** **Why would someone want to volunteer with you? What difference will be made to them, to your organisation and / or the local community. Are there any other benefits to them (such as personal development, alleviating loneliness, something to put on their CV etc)?**

*At ReachOut all of our volunteer mentors can make a real impact on the lives of young people in their community. As you are volunteering weekly, you are able to form a really strong relationship with your mentee and recognise the progress they make.*

*Volunteering with ReachOut is also a great way to develop your own skills, including communication, leadership, teamwork and organisation. It looks great on your CV and will give you some useful examples to use in interviews and job applications.*

*As a volunteer you will also be able to meet new people and become part of the wider community while getting experience working with young people.*

*Here is what one of our past mentors had to say about their experience:*

*"It’s a brilliant place, the community is amazing, I feel like I’ve come into a family and been accepted and that’s before even meeting the children. It’s such a rewarding thing to do and you’re brought into a really loving community of everybody working together and no one trying to compete with each other. If you want a challenge, to take yourself out of your comfort zone and do something really rewarding this is a pretty good thing to do!"*

**d.** **How can someone find out more and / or express an interest in your role (s)?**

*If you would like to become a mentor the best thing to do is sign-up via our website* [*https://www.reachoutuk.org/sign-up-to-mentor/*](https://www.reachoutuk.org/sign-up-to-mentor/) *and we will then send you all of the information you need to book onto a training session and get started!*

*If you have any questions or would like to talk about the role in more detail you can also contact Alice on* *volunteerlondon@reachoutuk.org*

1. **Second Chance Charity Shop**

**a.** **What is the name of your organisation and its mission (why does it exist, what does it aim to do)**

*We are Second Chance, the one-off and independent charity shop of the Archway Methodist Church. As a registered charity (No.1137164), we don’t have a specific cause, but with the shop’s revenues, we try to support other local, national, and international charities. Between 2020 and 2022, nearly £76,000 was raised by the shop, £55,000 of which has been given away to different charitable causes. The remainder is to be allocated as need is identified. Please ask at the stall for details.*

**b.** **What is the title of the volunteering role(s) that you are recruiting for and a brief description of that role(s)**

*As a one-off and independent charity shop, we are not very good with serious, corporate concepts like titles, job descriptions, organisational hierarchies, etc. And we don’t really like them, either. We like to think of ourselves as a close-knitted group of people, working together towards a common goal, which is to reach out a helping hand in any way we can. We all do whatever is necessary in the shop. We are all shopkeepers! What we do is, keeping the shop floor tidy and clean, carrying donations to sorting and storing areas, sorting donations, getting donations ready to go up for sale (giving them care/cleaning if necessary, and pricing.) Nevertheless, we have a document about volunteer job description with some boring -but necessary details, and you can ask for it at our stall.*

**c.** **Why would someone want to volunteer with you? What difference will be made to them, to your organisation and / or the local community. Are there any other benefits to them (such as personal development, alleviating loneliness, something to put on their CV etc)?**

*First of all, we are a fun bunch to hang around with! Among others, we have a local artist, a ballet dancer, an opera performer, and an actor in the gang. Never a dull moment in the shop. As it says in an article about us recently published on Ham & High, “You don’t have to be mad to work in a charity shop but it does help. (…) Second Chance is second to none.” Second Chance is not only a shop, at the same time it is a social hub where friends meet, catch up with local news and events, have a little chat with a friend or a stranger. By volunteering, you will be building up friendships, connecting with the local community, earning strong references for your future job applications, learning on-the-job about retail business, have a great time, and maybe most importantly helping people locally, nationally, and internationally.*

**d.** **How can someone find out more and / or express an interest in your role (s)?**

*Best way to do this is to pop into the shop and have a word with our managers, Baris or Chaya. You can always reach us by phone (020 7281 5449), or email. (secondchancearchway@gmail.com)*

1. **Sense**

**a.** **What is the name of your organisation and its mission (why does it exist, what does it aim to do)**

*Sense Buddying and LEAP Projects*

*We working with young people with disabilities and volunteers. Our Buddying project match young people to a volunteer befriender, to get out in the community and enjoy activities together. We match pairs based on mutual interests to create friendship to help combat isolation.*

*LEAP (Life skills, Employability Activities Project) is our newest project Launched in April 2023. We run workshops and sessions for young people building skills for life and work, aas well as social and sensory activities. Volunteers help us support young people and run our activities.*

**b.** **What is the title of the volunteering role(s) that you are recruiting for and a brief description of that role(s)**

*Volunteer Buddies - get matched up with a young person with disabilities and head out together to enjoy activities together.*

*Activity and Event Volunteer - Join us at LEAP activities, support in the running of events and help young people with disabilities gain new skills*

**c.** **Why would someone want to volunteer with you? What difference will be made to them, to your organisation and / or the local community. Are there any other benefits to them (such as personal development, alleviating loneliness, something to put on their CV etc)?**

*Perfect for people wanting to gain experience in this industry or those wanting to make new friends and extend their networks and experiences.*

*You will received training in supporting people with disabilities the Sense way and support throughout this role from our dedicated teams*

**d.** **How can someone find out more and / or express an interest in your role (s)?**

*Sense Buddying website :* [*Volunteer as a Sense Buddy in London or Manchester - Sense*](https://www.sense.org.uk/get-involved/volunteering-with-sense/volunteer-as-a-sense-buddy-in-london-or-manchester/#:~:text=What%20is%20Sense%20Buddying%3F%20Sense%20Buddying%20tackles%20loneliness,hours%20each%20week%2C%20usually%20during%20weekends%20or%20evenings.)

Activity and Event volunteers: can sign up using the above and see our projects page [https://www.sense.org.uk/our-services/meeting-people/learn-skills-for-independence-and-employment/](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.sense.org.uk%2Four-services%2Fmeeting-people%2Flearn-skills-for-independence-and-employment%2F&data=05%7C01%7CCamilla.McCready-Pay%40sense.org.uk%7C41e71f41b89c4730271708db66821c92%7C8fe71382e383476db38c5f12820eb22a%7C0%7C0%7C638216481237781164%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=M3c7kLhItKjobdEANsroD8Ozu8QLAaf25YttAh3Y8ho%3D&reserved=0)

1. **Somers Town Festival Group**

**a.** **What is the name of your organisation and its mission (why does it exist, what does it aim to do)**

*Annual street festival in Somers Town*

**b.** **What is the title of the volunteering role(s) that you are recruiting for and a brief description of that role(s)**

*Stewarding at the festival. Sign posting, traffic control, lost children and general central point for info.*

**c.** **Why would someone want to volunteer with you? What difference will be made to them, to your organisation and / or the local community. Are there any other benefits to them (such as personal development, alleviating loneliness, something to put on their CV etc)?**

*Community activity which helps alleviate loneliness, feel part of the community, learn a new skill set (CV) and make new friends/partnerships.*

**d.** **How can someone find out more and / or express an interest in your role (s)?**

*Website: somerstownfestival.co.uk*

1. **The Kids Network**

**a.** **What is the name of your organisation and its mission (why does it exist, what does it aim to do)**

*The Kids Network supports children at a crucial time in their lives, in the lead up to and often during the transition from primary into secondary school. We do this by providing them with a volunteer mentor, a local hero from their London community.*

***Vision****: Every child gets to live the life they deserve.*

***Mission:*** *We make meaningful connections in our communities, supporting children through mentoring to feel happy and confident about themselves and their futures.*

***Values****: Fun, connection, diversity, curiosity and integrity.*

**b.** **What is the title of the volunteering role(s) that you are recruiting for and a brief description of that role(s)**

**Volunteer Mentor:**

* **The Kids Network is looking for committed, fun and passionate volunteers who live in or around Camden to make a difference to the children of London.**
* **Our structured mentoring programme supports 8 -11 year old's, based in Camden, to support their social and emotional development before they transition into secondary school.**
* **As a mentor, you will hold weekly one on one sessions of 1 -3 hours. You will help to build confidence, resilience and help your mentee to manage feelings through a series of fun and positive experiences and activities.**
* **The weekly sessions can be flexible between weekdays and weekends**
* **All volunteers will go through in-person training. You will receive dedicated support from a member of our team throughout the year and will also get to meet fellow mentors through our peer network!**

**c.** **Why would someone want to volunteer with you? What difference will be made to them, to your organisation and / or the local community. Are there any other benefits to them (such as personal development, alleviating loneliness, something to put on their CV etc)?**

* Help build resilience and confidence in a child in your local community.
* Learn from and share knowledge with fellow mentors with our amazing peer network.
* Help a child as they transition from primary to secondary school.
* Help build a more connected local community.
* This is a great volunteering opportunity for anyone seeking to gain experience in working with children, coaching, mentoring, education, communication, leadership, community and youth work.

**d.** **How can someone find out more and / or express an interest in your role (s)?**

*By going on our website TheKidsNetwork.org.uk and clicking on our Be A Mentor tab!*

1. **The Listening Place**

**What is the name of your organisation and its mission (why does it exist, what does it aim to do)**

*The Listening Place is a London based charity providing face-to-face support for those who feel that life is no longer worth living*

**b.** **What is the title of the volunteering role(s) that you are recruiting for and a brief description of that role(s)**

*We are recruiting for two roles:*

*Helping volunteers, who are the first face of The Listening Place. They meet and greet our suicidal visitors, and are vital to creating the warm and welcoming environment that encourages people struggling with suicidal thoughts and feelings to talk openly without being judged or given advice.*

*Listening volunteers, who provide ongoing face-to-face support to our visitors, meeting with up to three visitors every fortnight on a regular four hour shift.*

**c.** **Why would someone want to volunteer with you? What difference will be made to them, to your organisation and / or the local community. Are there any other benefits to them (such as personal development, alleviating loneliness, something to put on their CV etc)?**

*Volunteering with the Listening Place means you are making a difference in the lives of those experiencing suicidal thoughts and feelings, and thus in your local community. It is an incredibly satisfying experience. You will also be part of a warm and supportive community, and make some wonderful new friends.*

**d.** **How can someone find out more and / or express an interest in your role (s)?**

*The first step in our selective recruitment and training process is to submit an application form, which you can find on our website here* [*https://volunteertraining.listeningplace.org.uk/volunteer-application-form*](https://volunteertraining.listeningplace.org.uk/volunteer-application-form)

1. **The Literacy Pirates**

**a.** **What is the name of your organisation and its mission (why does it exist, what does it aim to do)**

*The Literacy Pirates is an after-school programme that takes children on voyages as readers and writers. Our mission is to develop the literacy, confidence and perseverance of children who are falling behind in school and have fewer opportunities in their personal lives, so they can succeed at school and beyond.*

**b.** **What is the title of the volunteering role(s) that you are recruiting for and a brief description of that role(s)**

*We are recruiting for a Literacy Support Volunteer:*

* *You will help Young Pirates stay focused on reading, help with their writing as well as having fun and creating a positive environment for them to thrive in.*
* *You will also help encourage Young Pirates to feel confident and persevere with their work while helping them to cultivate the ability to take risks and use their creativity skills encouragement.*
* *Help out with exciting projects such as the Young Pirates’ film screening and the publishing of their book!*

**c.** **Why would someone want to volunteer with you? What difference will be made to them, to your organisation and / or the local community. Are there any other benefits to them (such as personal development, alleviating loneliness, something to put on their CV etc)?**

*Volunteering with the Literacy Pirates is a great way to …*

* *Give back to the community in a meaningful and impactful way*
* *Gain skills in communicating with a variety of different people, as well as communication and collaboration skills*
* *Having fun! Most of our volunteers keep coming back because they enjoy working with our Young Pirates*
* *Develop community links, meet new people and make new friends!*

**d.How can someone find out more and / or express an interest in your role (s)?**

*Visit our website to sign up:*

*https://volunteering.literacypirates.org/volunteers/register/*

*Email:* *Volunteering@literacypirates.org*

*Phone: 07547660108*

1. **VoiceAbility**

**a.** **What is the name of your organisation and its mission (why does it exist, what does it aim to do)**

*Voiceability,*

*We have been supporting people to have their say in decisions about their health, care, and well-being for over 40 years. We are an independent charity, and 1 of the UK’s largest providers of advocacy, and involvement services.*

**b.** **What is the title of the volunteering role(s) that you are recruiting for and a brief description of that role(s)**

*Peer Mentor - provide 1 to 1 short term support and encouragement, to people going through mental health challenges. Peer mentors use their lived experience to support people to regain their confidence, and independence, and create short term, supportive, and understanding relationships.*

**c.** **Why would someone want to volunteer with you? What difference will be made to them, to your organisation and / or the local community. Are there any other benefits to them (such as personal development, alleviating loneliness, something to put on their CV etc)?**

*‘Peer mentoring can be an incredibly rewarding and fulfilling experience. Not only will you be helping someone else develop his or her skills, but you will get a lot from it too.*

*What you can get out of it:*

* *Get access to our Peer Mentoring Training Course*
* *Access to E learning platform*
* *Regular feedback and support*
* *Build your confidence and self esteem*
* *Enhance your cv for the next step in your career*
* *Connect with people and make a difference in your community*

**d.** **How can someone find out more and / or express an interest in your role (s)?**

*To call Freephone 0300 303 1660*

*Email:* *volunteering@voiceability.org*

*Online: voiceability.org*