

Volunteer Role:

Community Volunteer

Location:

Venues across Surrey

Role Overview:

As a Community Volunteer, you will be a warm and welcoming presence at one of our local hubs, Deaf café or Friendship Group events, helping to create a friendly and inclusive environment for people who are Deaf, hard of hearing, blind, partially sighted and deafblind. This is a rewarding opportunity to make a real difference in your community.

Key Responsibilities:

- Welcoming individuals attending the venue
- Engaging in inclusive, person centred communication with attendees
- Assisting with or preparing simple refreshments (e.g. tea, coffee, biscuits)
- Helping to set up or tidy up the space as needed
- Supporting staff to ensure the hub runs smoothly
- Promoting an inclusive and respectful environment for all attendees

Skills and Experience:

- Friendly, approachable, and a good communicator
- Reliable, punctual, and willing to help out with practical tasks
- Respectful of confidentiality and sensitive to the needs of others
- Able to work independently and as part of a team

Training and Support Provided:

- Sensory Awareness Training
- Drop in monthly BSL sessions.
- Reimbursement of agreed travel and volunteer expenses.
- Opportunities for further training and involvement in community events.
- Sighted guide training
- Safeguarding training

Commitment:

Typically, 2-3 hours once a month, depending on the venue schedule.

Volunteers who support people who are Deaf, hard of hearing or deafblind may have skills in the following areas:

- BSL level 2 or above
- Lip reading
- Sign Supported English
- deafblind visual frame/ hands on signing

Volunteers are required to have an enhanced check via the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS.) Sensory Services by Sight for Surrey would apply for this on your behalf at no cost to yourself,

To apply for this role, please visit our website at: https://sightforsurrey.org.uk/get-involved/volunteering/