



Outreach Service Supporting Rough Sleepers in Oxfordshire

Outreach Volunteers

Can you spare a few hours on occasional early mornings

Work alongside Connection's Outreach Support Worker, to wake up identified rough sleepers with the aim of helping them to access suitable accommodation.

Location: Oxfordshire, South & Vale District

Supported by: Volunteer Co-ordinator / Connection Outreach Worker

Hours: Early mornings from 5.30am for 2½- 3½ hours Monday to Friday (depending on your availability)

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Volunteer Role Description

Connection Floating Support aims to deliver a high quality, best value, floating support service for vulnerable adults across all need groups. Since 1996, Connection Floating Support has successfully helped thousands of people to achieve independent living and reduce social isolation.

The Connection Outreach Service (COS) aims to support rough sleepers into stable and secure accommodation. The outreach service supports the street homeless into stable, safe and sustainable accommodation, empowering the client to achieve and maintain independent living.

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Responsibility

The main responsibility is to work along side the Connection Outreach Support Worker to locate the rough sleeper who has been identified or referred to the service. They will have their needs assessed with the aim of helping and supporting them to maintain secure, suitable and stable accommodation. Volunteers can also assist the Outreach Worker with the tasks that take place after the street-based work (if this is something they would like to do) – this could involve making referrals to accommodation or other services, accompanying clients to appointments or meeting with partner agencies.

Commitment

Ideally, volunteers will be able to make a regular commitment. We are looking for a bank of volunteers across Oxfordshire. Volunteers can choose to volunteer in their local area or further afield.

As the Outreach work covers a large geographical, often rural area, having a car is an advantage but not a necessity as alternative arrangements can be made. Travel expenses are also covered. Training is provided.

We ask all our volunteers to have a non-judgmental attitude, as you will be working with a wide variety of people. Many of those we work with have only very recently found themselves to be homeless which can be for a variety of reason, for example a breakdown of a relationship, unemployment, drugs or alcohol abuse.

To find out more or to apply to be a volunteer please contact our Volunteer Co-ordinator:

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