

Volunteer Role Description

Connection Support provides a breadth of specialist support services to a range of people facing complex life challenges. The support covers housing support, homelessness, isolation, money management, mental health and drug and alcohol abuse. Often service users have multiple issues which means our work with them is all encompassing.

Connection Support understands that to enable clients to achieve economic wellbeing, individuals will need support to be in paid work at the time of exiting the service. Through the volunteer role it is hoped to support clients to find and maintain suitable employment opportunities.

Volunteer Employment Coach

Role Summary: To encourage and support clients on a one-to-one basis to find suitable employment, volunteering or training. To assess each individual and help prepare them for meaningful and suitable employment.

Commitment: Flexible

Location: Oxfordshire

Outline of Tasks:

- To support clients to identify their skills and readiness for employment and training.
- To support the delivery of the Employment Ready course to identified service users
- To communicate with clients to understand their strengths and assisting with personal barriers
- To research and match suitable employment, work placements, volunteering or training opportunities based on client preferences
- To identify any initial support needs/adjustments that the service user may need to work successfully
- To assist with CV's, applications and support for interviews
- To assist with providing relevant Welfare benefits advice
- To research and apply for funding to review job placements
- To agree an initial Employment Support Plan for the early stages of employment both with the service user and employer as appropriate
- To maintain a record of support and monitor progress

Desirable attributes:

- Enthusiasm and commitment to Connection's values and objectives
- Ability to operate within Connection's policies
- Good communication and IT skills
- An understanding of the challenges faced by those unemployed
- Ability to inspire & to motivate others
- Ability to be empathetic whilst maintaining boundaries
- Non-judgemental approach
- A DBS check will be required for the role

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