# Rough Sleeper Outreach Service - Volunteer

### Can you spare few hours on occasional early mornings?

### We are looking for volunteers to work alongside Connection’s Outreach Support Workers, to wake up identified rough sleepers with the aim of helping them to access suitable accommodation.

## Summary of Volunteer Role

## The main responsibility is to work alongside 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.

## Expected Hours

## Early mornings from 5.30am for 2½- 3½ hours Mon - Fri (depending on your availability)

## Location

Various locations across Buckinghamshire. Volunteers can choose to volunteer in their local area or further afield.

## Training Offered

Online safeguarding vulnerable adults and children training will be offered as well as relevant in-house training opportunities throughout the year. Volunteer will receive ongoing support from a Volunteer Supervisor.

## Requirements

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. Traveling expenses are covered. **How to Apply**

Please show your initial interest by completing our [volunteer contact form](http://www.connectionsupport.org.uk/about-us/volunteer/). Our Volunteer Co-ordinator will then call you to discuss the role so please be sure to include a mobile. At this point there is no commitment you are just expressing interest to find out more about the role.

## What is the Process?

You will have access to volunteer manual with key policies and other detailed policies as relevant via Office 365 on OneDrive. Each volunteer has a Connection Support email address which is used to communicate with you and so you can received organisation-wide news. You are an important part of our team.

FAQs

We’ve compiled the following answers to what we think will be questions that may pop into your head. Please do ask your Volunteer Co-ordinator anything that you’d like to know before progressing with your application to volunteer.

**“Will I be given safety equipment ”**

Yes, you will be given HI VIS jacket and PPE equipment. You can arrange this with the Support Worker.

**“Will I meet other volunteers?”**

Yes. We have regular social and training events throughout the year, although these are currently being delivered virtually.

**“What sort of further training can I access”**

 There will be opportunities throughout the year to attend various workshops and training sessions.

**“Will this volunteer role help me to access work?”**

Hands on experience is always valuable when applying for a new role. We are always happy to give our volunteers a reference if they are applying for a new job. The skills and experience you gain with us can be useful in a variety of careers. If there is a specific job role or career you are working towards it is best to discuss this when you speak to our volunteer co-ordinator/supervisors, to enable you to get everything you hope to from volunteering with us.