



Project Information Form:- Volunteering Opportunities

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Aims of the project

Cumbria Drug Intervention Programme (DIP) provides a flexible and confidential support service for adults living in Cumbria who have a problem with drug use and who have had recent involvement with the criminal justice system.

Roles, responsibilities and duties available to potential volunteers:-

As directed by a designated mentor, to support DIP service users to lead drug and crime free lives by facilitating access to a range of community services identified through the development and implementation of individual support plans.

Please note: A volunteer role is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check at an enhanced level.

Skills and experience

It is essential that volunteers have:

- Some knowledge of the issues facing substance misusers including social care, criminal justice, welfare benefits, health and accommodation.
- Good personal organisation skills.
- Sense of humour.
- The ability to undertake administrative duties.
- Are over the age of eighteen years.

And the ability to:

- Communicate confidently and effectively, verbally and in writing.
- Relate to the client group.
- Respond flexibly to the demands of the post.
- Offer a minimum of one half day a week to the service for a minimum of 1 year.
- Motivate and enthuse.
- Work as a member of a team.
- Adhere to all CRI policy guidelines.
- Understand and have a commitment to the principles of equal opportunity.
- Employ a mature, sympathetic and non-judgmental attitude towards service users.
- Show a capacity to work alone and supported by DIP team members and the ability to keep calm under pressure.

Desirable knowledge and experience of:

- Knowledge of local services and geography.
- Knowledge of the Criminal Justice System.
- A relevant qualification (or working towards)
- Maintaining professional boundaries and effective working within Criminal Justice agencies.

Time commitment:

Days: half a day once per week

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday
Sunday

Additional information:

- Access to OCN qualification
- Internal Training opportunities
- Valuable experience in an interesting and challenging field