

# Promoting Volunteering Across Derry City & Strabane District Council Area



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## North West Volunteer Centre Autumn /Winter E Zine 2025

“The lead volunteer infrastructure in the North West”

To submit a volunteer opportunity that we can promote on our platforms, please scan the QR code... or click here

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North West Volunteer Centre

### Training

We offer 3-hour awareness courses and 6-hour regulated qualifications to meet the demand across Northern Ireland.

### Volunteering

- Supporting organisations
- Volunteer Recognition
- Connecting people to volunteer opportunities
- Volunteer Friendly Award
- Good practice
- EPIC Volunteer Recognition
- Promoting volunteering

### Access NI

We facilitate around 1000 access NI Checks each year supporting organisations and individuals who require an Access NI check. We support Basic, Standard & Enhanced applications for paid staff and volunteers



**Organisation:** A Space 2

**Role:** Support adults with learning disabilities in ASpace's multisensory centre

**Minimum Age:** 16

Click on the logo for more information

- **Organisation:** Advice Service NI @ Skeoge
- **Volunteer Role(s):** Volunteers play a vital role in how we deliver our services and the time you give will provide help to those that need it most.

By becoming an Advice NI volunteer you will:

- Meet new people and develop new skills
- Gain experience working in a leading charity
- Play a valuable role in delivering our services
- Full training available to carry out your role.
- **Minimum Age:** 18



**Organisation: Altnagelvin Hospital**  
**Volunteer Role(s)**

1. **Meet & Greet** for anyone over 16 looking to stay active and eager to help patients with checking-in and navigating hospital site.
2. **Emergency Department Refreshments** - Over 18s Please; Great for someone looking to help within the emergency dept
3. **Ward Helper** - For anyone aged over 16 (some wards may restrict this to over 18s) Great for students looking to get some experience in the evenings/weekends / Click on the volunteering logo to find out more



**Organisation:** AWARE is the Depression charity for Northern Ireland. A Derry born Charity now has 23 support groups run by trained volunteers

**Role(s):** Support Group Volunteer

Fundraising Volunteers **Minimum Age:** 18 Click on the logo for more information

**Organisation:** Bowel Cancer UK

**Roles** include supporting their Services, Fundraising and Research Teams to becoming a Bowel Cancer Awareness Champion, there is something for everyone! 18+





- **Organisation:** Cancer Focus Charity shop
  - **Volunteer Role(s):** Various roles available to support the work and raise funds for Cancer Focus in a retail environment.
  - **Minimum Age:** 16
- Click on the logo for more information

- **Organisation: Cancer Fund for children**
- **Volunteer Role available:** As a Cancer Community Champion, you will empower your local community to raise vital funds and awareness in support of children and young people impacted by cancer. This voluntary role will involve assisting with events including facilitating and attending events, organising cheque presentations and taking part in launch photos, building connections in your area so we can be there for more families who need us.
- **Minimum Age:** 19



- **Organisation:** The Churches Trust
- **Volunteer Role(s) Charity Shop Volunteer**



- Help raise funds to support local people and projects in need. Gain valuable experience: Develop skills in retail, customer service, and teamwork. Meet new people: Be part of a friendly, welcoming team. Flexible hours: Volunteer as much or as little as you can. Sort and price donated items, help with displays and contribute to the shop's day-to-day running. **Minimum Age 16**



**Organisation: City of Derry International Choir Festival**

- **Volunteer Role(s) :** Choir festival Volunteer (annual Event support opportunity)

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Minimum Age: 18

- **Organisation: Creggan Country Park**
- **Volunteer Role(s) :** Volunteering on our beautiful 100 acre site is wonderful for clearing your mind. Share some time helping out with litter picks and tree planting

Click on the logo for more information Minimum Age: All ages welcome under 18's must be supervised by an adult



- **Organisation:** CRUSE Bereavement Support

**Cruse Bereavement Support**

• **Volunteer Role(s) :** Bereavement support volunteer: Cruse Bereavement Support Volunteers provide support to children and young people affected by the death of someone close to them, they provide group support and 1-1 to children aged 7-18yrs. Minimum Age: 18 + click on the Cruse logo to apply for the volunteer role

**Volunteer Role(s): 1. Volunteer to assist with training/ As a volunteer, you will assist in the delivery of Dementia friendly sessions across the council area.**

**2. Volunteer support worker – provides the opportunity to support weekly social groups and activities. The role of the volunteer is to support the work of DEEDS workers and Partners 18+**



Organisation name: Derry Theatre Trust @ Millennium Forum

Volunteer Role(s): Choir Festival Volunteer (annually for 1 week) volunteers are welcome to share their time mornings afternoons and evenings

The City of Derry International Choir Festival recruits a large group of volunteers each year and the successful running of the festival is down to those who can lend a pair of hands!



**Organisation:** Drummond Youth Club (Donemana)

**Volunteer Role:** Volunteer Youth Leaders

**October 2025 – March 2026**

**Location:** Drummond Centre

A great opportunity to gain experience, make a difference, and be part of a dedicated team! Click on the link to apply for the role

- **Organisation:** Easilink Community Transport

- **Volunteer Role available:** Social Car scheme opportunity available to support people with accessible transport options for people living in Strabane and Foyle areas.

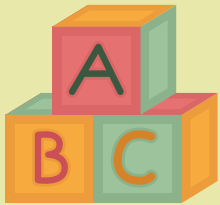
- **Minimum Age:** 18 Full support and guidance

Click on the logo for more information





## Eglinton Community



- Organisation: Eglinton Community
- Volunteer Role(s): Support our morning baby and toddler group Monday mornings at 10am
- Minimum Age: 16

Click on the logo to apply to volunteer at Eglinton Community Hall

## Foyle Down Syndrome Trust

- Organisation: Foyle Down Syndrome Trust
- Volunteer Role(s): Support our social programmes Monday – Friday Afternoons
- Minimum Age: 16

Click on the logo to apply to volunteer at FDT

**Organisation:** Foyle Foodbank

**Role:** Foyle Food Bank Driver

**Minimum Age:** 18 & clean driving licence



You'll play an important role in transporting food from collection points to the warehouse for sorting, and on to the local food bank. Enjoy being part of a team and be physically strong so that you can lift and load crates of food. For more details on this opportunity please click on the Foyle Food bank Logo



- Organisation: Glen Youth Club
- Volunteer Role(s): Youth Club Support Volunteer available evenings throughout the week
- Minimum Age: 18+

Click on the logo to apply to volunteer at Glen Youth Club



**Organisation:** Habitat ReStore

- Role(s) Collections
- Warehouse
- Sales staff/Till
- Reception/Admin
- Store Organisation
- Basic Furniture Repair

Age 16+

**Organisation(s):** The Heritage Venues Group

- **Role(s)** Heritage Information & Ambassador role
- Volunteers aged 18+ to support intricate and cultural heritage locations e.g St. Columbs Park House, St Augustines Church, Columb's Church Long Tower, and the Peacemakers Museum.



**Explore  
our Hidden  
Heritage  
Venues**



**Organisation:** Hive Cancer Support

**Volunteer Role(s) available:** Awareness Support Volunteer Representing HIVE, providing information on support and services we offer families affected by cancer. Training is provided for all volunteers and is a flexible role around different areas of work

**Minimum Age:** 16



**Organisation:** The Jigsaw Project - working with children with ASD

**Role(s):** Volunteers to assist with our weekly youth club on Friday evenings at the WELB Youth service building on Dungiven Road. All volunteers will be given training and support to carry out their role.

**Minimum Age:** 16 Click on the logo for more

- **Organisation:** Leafair Community Association
- **Volunteer Role(s) available:** Youth Support Worker Volunteer; Tuesday /Wednesday Evenings
- **Minimum Age:** 17+

Click on the logo to apply to volunteer



**Leafair  
Community  
Association**

*an opportunity for change*

**Organisation:** Learmount Community Development Group

**Role(s):** Call Handler - Wednesday mornings /Weekly. To act as part of the Good Morning Park project, where a group of volunteers make telephone calls to vulnerable adults in the Park area to address social isolation and improve wellbeing.

**Minimum Age:** 18+



**Learmount Community  
Development Group**

**Organisation:** Liberty Consortium

**Role(s):** Community Fridge Volunteer

Available Monday; Tuesday; Friday & Saturday afternoons each week at the Eco base building at the Playtrail Racecourse road. The role will include preparing for opening to the public and helping participants use the fridge. It will also involve clearing up after fridge has closed. **Minimum Age:** 18+



- **Organisation:** Life Cycles at the Transport Hub Waterside Train Station
- **Volunteer Role available:** Volunteers to support the work of keeping bikes from landfill – painting, fixing and maintaining pre-loved bikes.
- **Minimum Age:** 16

Click on the lifecycles logo for more information



**ORGANISATION NAME:** Mencap

**Volunteer role:** Hero Project Youth Team Volunteer

**We are looking for enthusiastic, passionate and friendly volunteers, who have an interest in supporting young people, specifically those with a learning disability. Volunteers' ideal commitment is 3 to 4 hours one evening per month, for a youth night, which is based in the city centre.**

As a volunteer you will support young people from 14 – 24 years old. This could be 1:1 engagement with or facilitating a group activity with support from the Youth team. We welcome anyone who wants to improve the lives of people with a learning disability in Northern Ireland.

**Organisation:** The Northern Ireland Ambulance Service

**Role(s):** Become a volunteer driver supporting local people to non-emergency healthcare appointments

**Minimum Age:** 18

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**Organisation:** The North West Carnival Initiative

**Role(s):**

**Minimum Age:** 18

Click on the logo for more information

**NSPCC** Speak out. Stay safe.



- **Organisation:** NSPCC
- **Volunteer Role available:** Volunteers for our School Service – delivering awareness in schools.
- **Minimum Age:** 18

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- **Organisation:** Older People North West
- **Volunteer Role available:** Volunteer Van driver & Volunteer delivery support roles available Monday – Friday, mornings.
- **Minimum Age:** 18

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- **Organisation:** Parkrun at Holycross Strabane
- **Volunteer Roles available:** Marshals, Timekeepers, Token issuers, Course checkers, Photographer, Set up / take down signs, arrows etc
- **Minimum Age:** 16

Click on the logo for more information

- **Organisation:** Parkrun at the Foyle Marina
- **Volunteer Roles available:** Marshals, Timekeepers, Token issuers, Course checkers, Photographer, Set up / take down signs, arrows etc
- **Minimum Age:** 16

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- **Organisation:** Reach Across – is a cross community youth group for 14-17 year olds based in Derry-Londonderry.
- **Volunteer Role available:** Volunteer Youth Leaders – full Training provided
- **Minimum Age:** 16

Click on the logo to apply to be a volunteer





**Organisation: Repair & Share Foyle**

**Volunteer Roles available:**

- Admin Assistants: To help with writing, data entry and funding applications
- Bakers: To bake treats for our Repair Cafes
- Fixers: Electrical, Computers, Sewing, Woodwork, General Repairs
- General Helpers: To help operate Library of Things and at our Repair Café events

**Minimum Age:** 18 Click on the logo to apply to be a volunteer

• **Organisation: The Resource Centre Derry**

• **Volunteer Role available:** Volunteer Driving role available for our meals & wheels service. Serving the local community

• **Minimum Age:** 18

Click on the logo for more information



**Organisation : NI Rare Disease Partnership**

Whether you want to get involved behind the scenes or on the front line, there's something for everyone:

- Roles available:**
- Awareness & Advocacy
  - Research & Policy Development
  - Marketing & Communications
  - Fundraising & Events
  - Assist in organising or running fundraising events
  - Admin, Project, & Technical Support
  - Help with operations
  - website and digital support
  - Peer Support & Listening



**Organisation:** The RNID – National Hearing Loss Charity

**Role(s):** Near You Volunteer – Providing a welcome to people at our hearing aid support sessions in the following areas: Limavady, Sion Mills, Donemana, Plumbridge, Derry/Londonderry and Feeny.

**Minimum Age:** 18+

Click on the logo for more information



**Volunteer Role available:**

- Volunteers are welcome to come along and support adults with learning disabilities in different sporting areas at the Bog hall Sion Mills Thursday evenings
- 16+

Click on the logo for more information





Organisation: **Springhill Park Area Residents & Youth Association**

Volunteer Role: Homework Club Volunteer

Monday - Thursday afternoons supporting children and young people with homework. Great opportunity to make new friends and become part of a large team of volunteers

Minimum Age: 18+ Click on the logo for more information and apply to be a volunteer

- Organisation: St. Columb's Park House
- Volunteer Role: Garden Guardians - supporting the work of planting, maintaining, and growing in the park
- Minimum Age: 16

Click on the logo for more information and apply to be a volunteer



- **Organisation: Strabane Community Unemployed Group (SCUG)**
- **Volunteer Role(s) Support people with welfare forms etc - Full training will be provided 2-3 hours per week**
- **Minimum Age: This role would be suitable for retired professional**



- **Organisation: Strabane District Caring Services**
- **Volunteer Role(s) Day Centre Volunteer Role & Meals on Wheels support Volunteer**
- **Minimum Age: 16 Click on the SDCS logo for more information about these roles and to apply to volunteer**



**Strabane & District  
Caring Services**



**Organisation:** UV arts

**Volunteer Role available:** Volunteering with UV Arts will help you gain experience in gallery administration, exhibition installation and visitor services, as well as helping out with events, artist workshops and other events

**Minimum Age:** 18 Click on the logo for more information

The logo for Versus Arthritis, featuring the words 'VERSUS' and 'ARTHRITIS' in white capital letters on a dark blue background with a subtle pattern.

**VERSUS  
ARTHRITIS**

- **Organisation:** Versus Arthritis
- **Volunteer Role(s):** Information & Support Talk Volunteer; Information Hub Volunteer, Physical Activity Volunteer, Self-Management Training Volunteer, Community Network Organisation, Community Network Support. /Minimum Age 18

**Organisation:** VOID Art Centre

**Volunteer Role available:** Front of house volunteer

Tasks might include welcoming visitors, set up/break down of workshops, assisting with events, clerical responsibilities etc. You will learn about the day to day running of a contemporary art gallery and established artists working today. Flexible from 11am - 4pm

**Minimum Age:** 18+ Click on the logo for more information

The logo for Void Art Centre, featuring the word 'Void' in a large, bold, black sans-serif font on a white background.

**Void**



**Organisation:** ZEST

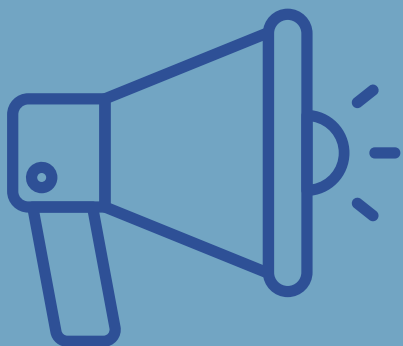
**Volunteer Role available:** Admin support for Tuesdays, Wednesday Thursday mornings

**Minimum Age:** 18+ Click on the ZEST logo for more information on this role



# ACCESS NI

The North West Volunteer Centre is an umbrella body for Access NI. We support people who require a criminal record check application for both volunteer and paid roles within their organisation.



## “Access NI new Arrangements from September 2025”

If NWVC facilitates access ni applications for your organisation please contact us for a new SLA - and find out what this new arrangements will mean for staff and volunteers

**Basic Access NI Application - £28.00**

**Standard Access NI Application - £28.00**

**Enhanced Access Ni Application - £43.00**

**Enhanced Access NI Disclosure for Volunteers - £5.00**

**Explore the details regarding regulated activities involving children and adults.**

**CLICK HERE**



**Contact Seanna for all your  
access ni requirements  
seanna@nwvc.co.uk**





# Volunteer Stories

My Name is Kyle I am 16, I am a community volunteer with Gasyard Wall Feile. I have been volunteering with them for 4 years. I decided to volunteer to get out of the house and hope to try make a bit of a difference.

I have enjoyed getting to know my community and learning new skills.

The benefits I have experiences include developing my communication and social skills.

For anyone who is thinking about volunteering - DO IT! You notice through time how much you can learn and how much of a contribution you can make. I have enjoyed it and will keep doing it until I can't.

# Did you know that volunteers can receive recognition for their time spent volunteering through our EPIC Volunteer Award Programme?



North West Volunteer Centre



#EpicAwardsNI



EPIC awards are available for anyone who has made or is making a contribution for 50 100 or 200 hours volunteering within 12 months to find out more [click here](#)



Endorsed by Derry City and Strabane District Council

#volunteerderrystrabane

#EpicAwardsNI

#volunteeringmakesadifference



# Planning to Involve volunteers ?

If you intend to involve new volunteers, or if you already have a team of volunteers, consider giving us a call to access support. This includes information, guidance, and templates on how to effectively retain current volunteers while attracting new ones. Book today for an organisational health check!



## Available Hot Desk opportunity

Enjoy a room with a stunning view!  
Discover our private office available for rent by the hour, half-day, or full day.

- Centrally located with nearby pay-and-display parking
- Front desk support along with access to office amenities and kitchen facilities
- Contact Seanna on 02871271017  
[seanna@nwvc.co.uk](mailto:seanna@nwvc.co.uk)



- Does your organisation involve volunteers ?
- Would you like to be recognised as a Volunteer Friendly Organisation?

Volunteer Friendly helps to  
 ensure a positive volunteering experience  
 highlight good practice in volunteer management  
 shows commitment to volunteering  
 help to sustain existing and recruit new volunteers  
 connect with us to find out more...



- ✓ Supporting
- ✓ Developing
- ✓ Recognising
- ✓ Rewarding



**A self-  
assessment  
quality standard  
for organisations  
with volunteers**

## 5 Strands Of The Volunteer Friendly Award



**1**

### Involving Volunteers

Understanding  
why your group/  
organisation  
involves volunteers.

**2**

### Making Volunteering Happen

Money, management,  
resources and keeping  
volunteers safe.

**3**

### Volunteer Inclusion

Equal access to  
opportunities and  
fair recruitment.

**4**

### Welcoming Volunteers

Developing roles,  
induction, training  
and support needs for  
volunteers.

**5**

### Valuing Volunteers

Recognition for  
volunteers' time,  
contribution,  
feedback and creating  
positive endings.







NWVC provide various training courses including regulated qualifications and awareness courses . Training can take place during the day, evenings and at your location. contact Marirose to discuss your training requirments today on [strabane@nwvc.co.uk](mailto:strabane@nwvc.co.uk) call

**L2 Basic life Support &  
Safe Use of an AED**



**L1 Health & Safety  
in the Workplace**



**L2 Safeguarding &  
Protecting Children &  
Young People**



**L2 Food Safety  
in Catering**



## Introduction to Emergency First Aid



## Safeguarding Adults



## Awareness in Safeguarding Children & Young people



## L3 Designated Safeguarding Lead



## L3 EFAW



Emergency First Aid  
at work

## L2 Safeguarding & Protecting Children & Young People

