

Spring 2019 Hot Opportunities

If you would like to try something new and start volunteering, here are just a few of the current volunteering opportunities available in Derry City and Strabane District Council Area



Locally focused

Caring

Supportive

Professional

over 30 years delivery



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Children
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North West Volunteer Centre is recruiting volunteers to support our summer scheme based at Ardnashee School and College in Derry/Londonderry. Working alongside a team of experienced staff, you will be helping children and young people with disabilities to take part in a great summer activity programme.

The scheme runs for 4 weeks, Tuesdays to Fridays from 11.00am to 3.00pm starting 16th July until 9th August 2019. Volunteers must be age 16 + and able to commit to a minimum of 2 weeks or 8 days over the 4 week period. Supported by Children in Need funding, this will give you the chance to gain experience, training, help others and be part of a great team.

Stroke
association

Life after Stroke service groups play an important role in ensuring that stroke survivors do not become socially isolated. They also help to build the confidence and self-esteem of the people who attend.

As a Stroke Group Supporter you will be part of a team assisting in the running of the Foyle Stroke Support Group each Tuesday 10.00 – 12.00pm.



TinyLife is Northern Ireland's premature and vulnerable baby charity committed to ensuring that all families who have experienced the birth of a baby requiring special or intensive care get all the help they need.

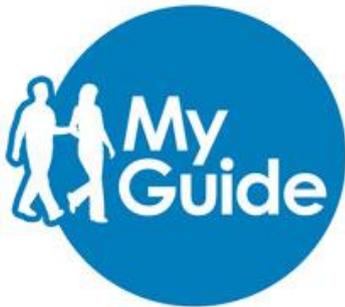
TinyLife family support volunteers play a vital role in providing practical and emotional support to parents and make a real impact on the lives of premature and ill babies and their families. Even a few hours of your each week will make a huge difference.



Volunteers needed in the North West area - Derry City, Limavady and Strabane to support victims of crime.

Volunteers for the charity provide support in two areas:

1. Witness Service volunteers are located within the courts providing support to victims and witnesses as their cases come to trial, accompanying them into court, advocating on their behalf and conducting pre-trial court visits.
2. Community Service volunteers meet with victims shortly after a crime has been committed and provide emotional support and advice to help them through this period. They are located at the Victim Support NI Hub in the Embassy Building, as well as in outreach centres across Northern Ireland.



The **My Guide** project is looking for volunteers locally to support people with sight loss to safely navigate the environment, building self-confidence and increasing social interaction; whilst maintaining dignity and promoting independence

What does the role involve?

- * Provide sighted guide assistance on a regular basis to people living with sight loss to help them achieve their goals (commonly weekly)
- * The lengths of partnerships vary, from 6 weeks to 12months+, your availability will be matched with a suitable customer
- * Support access to local services and facilities in their local community

What support / training will I get?

- * Sighted Guide Training and Guide Dogs safeguarding training
- * Payment of out of pocket expenses in line with Guide Dogs policy



Age Concern / Older People North West provide nutritious hot meals to older people in the Waterside 364 days of the year. Currently there are opportunities for **volunteer drivers**. It is a rewarding and enjoyable role and the team welcomes new, interested, empathetic volunteers to join!

Also working with Reading Friends to share stories, poems and experiences with the over 60's, they are currently recruiting **volunteers who love to read** and want to share this passion with older people. Full training and support will be provided.

Community Volunteer – Awareness Raising

Community Volunteer – Information Support



**Northern Ireland
Fire & Rescue Service**

Volunteers will support NIFRS in providing fire safety messages to local communities with the aim of reducing the number of accidental fire deaths and injuries in the home. You will be:

- * acting as a community engagement 'champion', spreading the word on fire safety amongst members of the public and target groups (e.g., older people, specific neighbourhoods);
- * attending events and awareness sessions to promote safety and wellbeing; and
- * distributing targeted information (letters, leaflets and posters) to local communities

You will be allocated a role manager who will support you while you are volunteering with NIFRS. A uniform and identity card will be provided to all volunteers. All pre-agreed out-of-pocket expenses incurred while volunteering will be reimbursed.



Hillcrest requires a volunteer receptionist for Fridays, approx. between 9.30am - 1.30pm. Duties involved include answering telephone queries and transferring calls, taking messages, greeting visitors and asking all visitors & programme participants to sign in. Some photocopying, printing and shredding may also be required. Volunteer will receive induction, support and ongoing training.



The Hills Church launches Spring 2019 and are looking for volunteers to help supervise fun activities such as arts & crafts etc. for children attending church.



The main purpose is to enable young people with Down's syndrome to experience activities, which are fun, safe, social, educational and inclusive and your role as a Volunteer Buddy will be to:

- Work directly with children and young people with Down's syndrome
- Provide information and build a rapport with young people and listen to concerns.
- Create a positive environment
- Assist the young person with setting and achieving goals
- Assist set-up and take down of activities
- Supervise activities



Cancer Focus Flag Day

Saturday, 29th June, 2019

Volunteers needed to collect donations to support local cancer patients and their families.

To make the BIG Bucket Collection a BIG success, they'll need lots of amazing volunteers to collect on 29th June. If you would like to help out for an hour or two on the day, please register your interest.



Foyle Fundraising Ambassador

Can you help spread the word about Diabetes UK?

- **Supporting events in your local area**
- **Attending cheque presentations**
- **Giving talks to groups**
- **Supporting fundraising activities**



WOODLAND TRUST

Conservation Volunteer: 1-2 days per month to carry out a wide range of practical conservation tasks throughout the Faughan Valley.

This volunteer role will contribute towards the Woodland Trust's strategy of preserving, growing, maintaining and restoring woods and trees across the UK. As a Conservation Volunteer, you make a difference by being our eyes and ears on the ground, and feeding back any issues to the volunteer manager.

Environment Monitor Volunteer: Surveys take place throughout the year; volunteers giving 4-6 days per year would be appreciated

The Environment Monitor role is primarily a seasonal role to support the development of a major landscape-scale woodland project across the Faughan Valley. Surveys are varied, covering anything from generic hedgerow, woodland or habitat surveys to more specific; bat, lizard or frog orchid surveys.



Come and be a part of the largest Social Justice charity across all of Ireland

Youth Services Volunteers: Extern is looking for committed volunteers to help with their projects with children & young people across the local area from Strabane to Limavady, Derry/Londonderry City-side and Waterside.

Community Crisis Intervention Service Volunteers: They are also seeking volunteers to assist with their new Community Crisis intervention service providing support for anyone experiencing situational or emotional crisis.

Rethink Reduce
Reuse Recycle



Volunteer Shop Assistant

Volunteer shop assistant roles available at #Newtoyou / 4 R's recycling project

Pennyburn, Derry/Londonderry.

Opportunity available Monday - Friday; Mornings and afternoon slots available

Friends of Dergview FC, CastleDerg are interested in recruiting a few volunteers on a weekly or fortnightly basis to help with pitch maintenance and general support of the club. Would you have a few hour's spare to help?

CCA is looking for Ad Hoc Volunteers to get involved within various areas of its work including exhibition, installation and research. Ad Hoc Volunteers are sometimes a one-off extra pair of hands for an event, or a few days or weeks, depending on the needs of the project and the circumstances of the volunteer.

CCA

Centre for Contemporary Art
Derry~Londonderry

If you would like to find out more about any of the opportunities or how to get involved in volunteering in your area, please contact the volunteer centre on 028 71 271 017

If your organisation would like to promote opportunities for volunteers, please get in touch with the centre to register.

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