

VOLUNTEERING POST DESCRIPTOR



Title	Volunteer Befriender Ref No:
Location	We cover all areas in East Ayrshire but you will be offered a location as close to you as possible if transport is an issue.
Age Limits	16+, no upper limit
Dress Code	N/A
Times/ Days	Initial 50 hour commitment – over a few hours a week or fortnight, as and when required (including evenings and weekends)
PVG/Basic Disclosure Required	PVG Children Regular teaching/instruction and supervising children.
Pre-entry Qualifications Required?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, detail	
Team/ Section providing the opportunity	Play and Early Intervention Team Contact Number: (01563) 576359 Please note, there is a lower age limit of 16 for this position, no upper limit.
Duties and Responsibilities	<p>These can be many, varied and complex as every Befriending relationship is unique. In general a good foundation to Befriending is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To befriend a child or young person and to build a relationship of trust over a period of time. • To make a positive difference to a child/young person's life. • To provide support and encouragement to a child/young person to participate in local activities • To build a good relationship with the Befriender. • To establish and maintain appropriate boundaries within the Befriending relationship. • To support Befriender to become involved in community and leisure activities. • To be accepting, understanding and non-judgemental. • To help Befriender feel secure and relaxed • To acknowledge positive skills and qualities the Befriender may have. • To attend meetings and training as required.

We ask all volunteers to:

- Have time and enthusiasm for volunteering
- Understand the need for support and supervision
- Have the time to undertake ongoing training
- Be reliable

East Ayrshire's Vibrant Communities service provides a range of services/support to community groups and individuals across East Ayrshire.

The services provided include

- External funding
- Mobile skate park
- Community councils
- Working with parents and children
- Working with young people
- Working with older people
- Health information/classes
- IT classes
- Literacy and numeracy
- All ability sports and much more

The wide range of services provided means we can offer a wide range of volunteering opportunities in a variety of settings and locations.

Training:

Prior to appointment, all volunteers will be required to undertake mandatory training in the following topics:

- Protecting people
- Vibrant Communities overview
- Customer care and complaint handling
- Diversity and equality

All of these courses will be undertaken on-line after registration as a Vibrant Communities volunteer is completed.

Induction training will be delivered by volunteer supervisor. CPI (Personal safety) and Manual Handling (objects) training will require to be completed within 6 months of appointment.

Specific training for this position - Befriending Induction Training will also be provided before placement begins.

A wide range of further training opportunities are available to all volunteers, both post specific and general.