



About the role - Coffee and a catch up - Bristol

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"Listening, supporting
and including one
another is a vital part of
working in our team."
Dean

What we'd love you to do

The Mencap visiting service (MVS) was launched in **1963** as a befriending service to adults with a learning disability after their parents pass away.

We currently support over 300 people of all ages across England and Wales. MVS volunteers reduce social isolation, expand networks and build friendships.

Each volunteer is matched with someone to visit 6 times per year. All volunteers are supported by a Volunteer Services Coordinator.

- ✓ Could you spare some time once every two months to visit a lovely person with a learning disability? At first in the home, but then helping her to access the community?
- ✓ This beneficiary is a welcoming 77-year-old woman who lives in the Speedwell area of Bristol
- ✓ She enjoys talking about anything and everything! She also has a particular interest in theatre, although hasn't been able to see any for a long while.
- ✓ She likes going out for coffee and a spot of lunch, watching telly, listening to music, and having a good chat.
- ✓ Visits will initially be at home but will move to helping her out and about as soon as you both feel comfortable.
- ✓ You may be required to wear a face mask during visits



**About you –
kind, caring,
sociable**

What can you expect from us:

- Personalised training and induction
- To feel fully supported in your role
- Agreed out-of-pocket expenses to be reimbursed (e.g. travel, a meal out with the person you visit)
- Meet new people
- Learn new skills
- Feel appreciated and valued
- You will be making a huge difference!

What skills do I need to have:

This role would be great for you if you would like to build a supportive friendship with someone you share interests with.

For this role we ask that you are:

- 18 or over
- Friendly and approachable
- Reliable and patient
- Able to use initiative
- Accepting of others who might be different to yourself
- Have good communication and listening skills
- You will need to provide 2 references before you start

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"The right attitude and living our values is really important. You need to be willing to learn, grow and change for yourself and for Mencap's future." Dean

Who you will be interacting with:

Their home
and
support
staff

The person
you will be
visiting

Volunteer
Services
Coordinator



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volunteers think

Mencap's values describe who we aspire to be and what we stand for. It is important that you show these five values whilst volunteering.

We are
Passionate
about making
the world a
better place

We are
Inclusive
of everyone

We are
Brave
we challenge
and try new
things

We are
Positive
in our work
and with each
other

We are
Kind
to everyone