

What we'd love you to do

This involves....



Craft and fun loving volunteer needed in Blyth, Northumberland.

- ✓ We are looking for a volunteer visitor in Blyth, Northumberland where we support an gentleman with a learning disability. He loves going to the pub for a pint and his favourite meal of fish and chips. He also really likes to listen to music, watch TV or do some crafts whilst relaxing in his home. He is able to communicate well both on the phone and in person and loves to make a cheeky joke or two.
- ✓ This role is for a volunteer who is passionate about supporting people with learning disabilities and are looking for the opportunity to build a supporting relationship. Our volunteers are kind and passionate people. They are keen to challenge themselves and others for the best possible outcomes, and they are inclusive of everyone, regardless of disability.

About this service:

We offer a lifelong befriending service for people with learning disabilities. Matching the skills and interests of passionate visitors with the specific hobbies and interests of individual people with a learning disability. Our visitors visit six times a year to create a 1-2-1 connection, offer companionship, encourage people to do the things they enjoy and check-in on their wellbeing. In many cases, our visitor is the only person in someone's life who isn't paid to be there for them.

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

Dean



About you

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

What you will bring

- 18 or over
- Provide two reference
- A minimum commitment of 6 months
- Reliable and patient
- Passionate about improving the lives of people with a learning disability

What can I expect?

- Online training including EDI, Communication, Safeguarding and GDPR
- Ongoing support from your dedicated volunteering manager
- Opportunity to meet new people
- Knowing the impact you will make on people with a learning disability
- Feeling appreciated and supported

What difference will I make?

1.5 million people in the UK have a learning disability

Everything we do is about valuing and supporting people with a learning disability and their families and carers.

Our vision is where people with a learning disability are valued equally, listened to and included.

If you have not heard back from us in two weeks please email:
volunteering@Mencap.org.uk

Who you will be working with

Mencap's
Volunteering
Team

Learning and
Development

Volunteer
Manager

People with a
learning
disability

Mencap
Visiting
Service



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Mencap's values and how they apply to this role

We are
Passionate
about making
the world a
better place

You will be passionate about how you and your team can improve the lives of the people with a learning disability, reflecting always how you and your team can learn and improve

We are
Inclusive
of everyone

You will be inclusive by making sure that your services support all Mencap colleagues and volunteers. Within your team you will work to make sure all voices are heard and different views listened to

We are
Brave
we challenge
and try new
things

You will be brave by encouraging people to have big ideas about what would make their service/team the best place to work and you will test things out and learn from mistakes

We are
Positive
in our work
and with each
other

You will be positive in how you work with your team. You will encourage them to share their own ideas and encourage honest and open conversations about what could be better

We are
Kind
to everyone

You will be kind and considerate in all of your interactions, and will call out any behaviour that is not, so that people feel it is a safe place to work