

A Nice Chat and a Cuppa

Volunteer Visitor, Odiham - Hampshire

The Volunteer Role

You will spend time with a local woman with a learning disability, visiting her about 6 times a year.

The woman, who is in her 80s, enjoys a chat, and reminiscing about days gone by. She loves flowers and the colour purple. She also loves flowers and to be made to feel special. She enjoys going to church and often plays the organ at special times throughout the year

You will be introduced to her with the support of Mencap staff and staff from the home where she lives.

We believe that having a Mencap visitor will make a huge difference.

By simply spending time with this woman you can provide companionship and joy.

Two references will be required by all successful applicants.

When do I need to be available?

The times of the visits can be flexible to your availability.

You will make 6 visits per year, and we ask for a minimum commitment of 1 year.

About this service

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.



What skills do I need?

This role is great for anyone who would like to support someone with a learning disability and build a supportive relationship.

For this role we ask that all volunteers are:

- 18 or over
- Friendly and approachable
- Reliable and patient
- Able to use initiative
- Accepting of others who might be different to yourself, and
- Have good communication and listening skills

What can I expect from Mencap?

- 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 difference!

What difference will I make?

1.5 million people in the UK have a learning disability.

We have an ambitious vision for the UK to be the best place in the world for people with a learning disability to live happy and healthy lives.

Volunteering with us is YOUR opportunity to help us achieve this, whilst having the chance to develop your skills, meet new people and join a passionate and dedicated team.

What happens next?

Once we have received your application, we will be in touch to see whether this role is a good match for your skills and experience and to discuss the role in more detail.

If you haven't heard from us after 2 weeks please email volunteering@mencap.org.uk



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