

Community Volunteer

Aims of the Organisation/Service

Disability Sheffield is a disability organisation which aims to promote choice, control and independence for disabled people in Sheffield.

Alongside our other services, we wish to run workshops to support disabled people in accessing direct payments and get the right PA support.

Volunteer Role Description

To support the Community Network Coordinator advocating for social change in Sheffield by:-

- Support the coordinator by providing advice and support on Direct Payments by planning, preparing and presenting/facilitating fortnightly workshops
- provide advice and support from the volunteer's experience that will help people understand the Direct Payment scheme for their care and support needs.
- The Community Network Coordinator will support the Community Volunteer with the content of the four workshop subjects, covering:
 1. How do direct payments work?
 2. How do I recruit a PA
 3. Managing a PA
 4. Open session
- To assist people seeking information related to Personal Direct Payments.
- To assist with group activities, including planning and running workshops.
- To inform people about available support groups and services.
- To record key data and respect the privacy of service users.

Your Skills and Experience for this Role

- A passion for social justice, in disability rights.
- Lived experience of disability through self or family and a good understanding of the Personal Direct Payments process.
- Strong people and communication skills, with the ability to present information clearly and adapt to a wide variety of audiences.
- Be reliable, effectively prioritise work tasks, and work under their own initiative
- Understanding of the importance of equal opportunities, diversity and anti-discriminatory practice.

Desirable requirements

- Recognise the importance of the Disability Rights Movement, Social Model of Disability and the Independent Living Movement.
- Experience of developing and facilitating workshops.
- Knowledge of voluntary and community sector organisations in Sheffield.

Benefits of Volunteering with Us

- Training in volunteering provided
- Regular support and supervision
- Opportunity to engage with the wider work of Disability Sheffield
- Opportunity to work as part of a team
- An inclusive and welcoming environment

Who to Contact for more information about this role:

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