

# Volunteering opportunity



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Name of Organisation: Who Cares? Scotland

Title of Volunteer Opportunity: Driver/Group Work Support Volunteer

## ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY

### Participation Support Volunteer:

#### Purpose and Aims of the role

We are looking for volunteers who can provide a strong foundation to help strengthen their communities by helping Care Experienced children and young people engage in activities to build their skills and confidence and to be included, understood, respected, and valued in their communities.

The Group Work Support Volunteer role will assist in providing and supporting activities for young people, providing supportive adults to ensure all children and young people can thrive and bring communities together.

This role will involve interacting with primary aged young people through supporting and leading on a variety of activities e.g. arts/crafts/general youth work at our fortnightly sessions as well as at our National events that happen throughout the year.

Who Cares? Scotland is a people organisation. We invest in our people, our relationships and in a positive working culture. It's important to us that our volunteer team is included, involved and motivated to change society.

**We aim to recruit people with excellent qualities from a wide variety of backgrounds who share in our mission. We particularly welcome applications from individuals with care experience.**

#### What will I be doing?

- Picking up young people and driving them to the group.
- Involved in the project from the planning stages and building the team
- Supporting staff to plan & undertake activities
- Supporting youth group sessions
- Leading on activities& planning
- Supporting young people's sense of belonging and connection
- Building community ties, ensuring Care Experienced people are welcomed within communities
- Helping children and young people to have fun
- Building children and young people's confidence and self esteem
- Being a positive role model

What skills can I bring to this role?

- Full/Clean Driving License
- Experience of working with children (Not essential)
- A knowledge of issues affecting Care Experienced children and young people
- Ability to work well with children and young people
- Good communication and listening skills
- Ability to encourage and motivate children and young people to participate in activities

What qualities do I need?

- To have a non-judgemental approach to people, have empathy
- Be enthusiastic, flexible, and committed
- Reliable and approachable
- Friendly, helpful, and understanding
- Reliability and a commitment to treat all information in a confidential manner
- To have a good value base, be open minded and level-headed

When will I be needed?

- Regular groups and events
- Crafty Foxes meets every second Tuesday 5pm – 6.30pm (8-12 years) The Volunteer would need to be available from 4pm to pick up the young people.

Location

Bellshill (picking up in North Lanarkshire Area)

What will I gain from the role?

- A sense of satisfaction in helping children and young people build their confidence and self-esteem to achieve their full potential
- Practical experience of working with children and young people
- Experience to get back into the workplace or education
- Have fun!

What support will I be given?

- Induction and child protection training
- Role specific training
- Expenses – all out-of-pocket expenses will be reimbursed
- Supervision and support from your manager / coordinator

### **Additional Information**

For all roles involving regulated work with children and young people, applicants will be required to submit a PVG Scheme Record or a PVG Scheme Record Update application. This opportunity is subject to the completion of satisfactory references and successful registration on the PVG Scheme. This opportunity requires the candidate to drive independently and pick up young people to bring to the group.

**This role involves the following:** \_\_\_\_\_

Children

National and local participation sessions

Young people

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**\*All volunteers will be subject to application form, interview, reference, Driving Checks and PVG Checks\***

