

Volunteering opportunity



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Name of Organisation: Who Cares? Scotland

Title of Volunteer Opportunity: Volunteer Driver

ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY

Volunteer Driver:

Purpose and Aims of the role

Who Cares? Scotland facilitate regular groups and events for Care Experience people

One of the biggest barriers our members face in attending our groups and activities is the ability to get to us. Sometimes our members need a little bit of assistance to get to and from their groups and as a volunteer driver, you would be providing the means for someone to be able to attend the groups which are of importance to them to connect, make friends, talk about issues important to them and have fun.

We are looking for volunteers who have access to their own car and can help to enhance our Care Experienced members experience of attending our regular groups and events by providing transport to and from these fortnightly groups.

Our volunteer drivers will assist in collecting young people from their homes to the venue in Edinburgh and home again every second Tuesday. Pickups will start from 5pm (depending on location) and drop offs will start after the group finishes at 8pm.

This role will involve interacting with young people and you will have the opportunity to stay at the group to engage with young people and support their involvement.

We provide all out of pocket expenses, so your mileage would be reimbursed at £0.45 per mile. A PVG is required for this role. Access to your own car, business insurance and driving checks will also be needed.

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?

- Collect/return Care Experienced young people from and to their home to our group venue in Edinburgh
- Helping Care Experienced people connect and have fun
- Helping Care Experienced people feel relaxed and comfortable attending groups and events
- Ensuring Care Experienced people feel safe getting to and from their groups
- Reducing isolation by removing the barrier of transport

What skills can I bring to this role?

- Ability to work well with people and in a team
- Good communication and listening skills

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?

- Every second Tuesday from 5pm-8.30pm

Location

Edinburgh

What will I gain from the role?

- A sense of satisfaction in helping Care Experienced people have fun and be together on what can be a challenging day
- Practical experience of working with people
- Have fun!

What support will I be given?

- Training before and during your volunteering
- Expenses – all out-of-pocket expenses will be reimbursed
- Support from staff
- 1-1 sessions with your Volunteer Officer

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 role involves the following:

☒ Children

☒ National and local participation sessions

☒ Young people

All volunteers will be subject to PVG Checks