

Wales Council for Voluntary Action

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Model policy series

6 Example volunteer role description



Peer mentor

Aim of volunteering

As a peer mentor you will be giving one of our service users the confidence and support they need to volunteer in the community.

Description

Peers Mentors accompany service users in applying for and trying out volunteering opportunities. The role may be short term, just until the volunteer settles in; in some cases the peer mentor can accompany volunteers for a longer period.

Peer mentors encourage volunteers to make decisions and to express what they want and to reflect on their experience in relation to their personal goals.

Expectations

As a Peer mentor you would usually commit 2 - 3 hours every two weeks.

You need to successfully complete a mandatory 2 day (or 5 evening) training course before starting this role.

We particularly welcome applications from Welsh speakers and from different ethnic backgrounds.

Training and Benefits

The initial training is accredited, Level 2. A varied programme of ongoing training opportunities is available.

Volunteers are invited to staff meetings and conferences and to the annual Christmas party!

Skills required

You need to be a good listener and be able to build positive, non judgemental relationships.

Travel information

Volunteers are accompanied by public transport. Peer mentors may need to travel (by car or public transport) to meet up with their volunteer.

Other requirements

You need to be at least 18 years old to undertake this role. A DBS check will be required and two references are asked for.

For more information and to apply for this role please contact Andrea Penney apenney@myemail.com. You can find out more about what we do by visiting our website on www.ourorgansiation.ork.uk. You can apply directly online by finding this opportunity on Volunteering-Wales.net

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