



Volunteer Role Description

Residential Community Volunteer

Live-in residential, approx. 6-12 months

Social Bite Village, West Shore Road, Edinburgh, EH5 1QD

Overview

We are looking for 4 dedicated volunteers to live at the Social Bite Village for 6-12 months to be part of our residential community for adults who have experience homelessness. We need you to encourage and motivate community life in the village.

The Social Bite Village is the vision of Josh Littlejohn, Founder and CEO of Social Bite. The village provides a home for up to 20 people affected by homelessness at a time. Cyrenians provide skilled key-workers so residents receive one-to-one support to achieve individual goals by tailoring a personalised plan appropriate to their needs.

Volunteers and residents live within our community facility and manage the day-to-day domestic tasks and decisions within the village, which is your home. As a Residential Community Volunteer you'll be living alongside people who have experienced homelessness. You will help to create a fun, secure and stimulating space. This will help people develop the skills and confidence to move forward in life. This will be a stimulating and hopefully rewarding role but may also be challenging and tough. You will be living alongside people who may struggle to engage, may have behaviours that challenge or are managing addictions. You will help in creating positive experiences and will help move residents from negative experiences of the past to a positive future.

This position is fully residential with all accommodation and meals provided, you will have your own bedroom in a shared house with another volunteer. A full induction will be provided and training will be offered where appropriate as well as access to ongoing support.

Why we need you and what activities are involved

- Live with and support up to 20 community members in the village alongside other volunteers and day staff
- Encourage and motivate community life
- Help manage the day-to-day domestic tasks and decisions within the

building

- Support residents to engage in activities that will help them achieve their personal goals and aspirations.
- Actively support the delivery of a Well-Being Programme that provides an environment for residents to learn independent living skills such as cooking, cleaning, money management, lifestyle balance, and more.
- Work with residents to develop informal social and recreational activities that will enhance village life and well-being.
- Support residents to keep to new commitments such as volunteering, learning, and training
- Work closely with staff and volunteers to create a pleasing and supportive environment for all

Skills we're looking for

- Passionate about your role, friendly and personable
- Being able to motivate community members, giving space for personal growth and development
- Familiar with, and adhere to, good housekeeping and food hygiene practices and encourage the same in others by acting as a role model
- Being able to work unsupervised and use own initiative
- Being able to work as part of a team with staff and other volunteers
- Be flexible and willing to take on tasks
- Familiar with facilitating small groups, encouraging inclusion and participation
- A good grasp of written and spoken English

What you can gain from this opportunity

- Rewarding experience because?
- Develop ? skills
- Meet new people
- Gain understanding in ? etc

Essential Criteria

- 18+
- PVG Scheme Membership (we process)

Further Info

Expenses

Food provided. There is a weekly allowance of £32 per week to cover general expenses. All other expenses related to role will be reimbursed or covered.

Hours

Residential. Living on site. Present overnight in the Village at least 5 nights a week and able to attend key community activities such as Community meetings, socialising, communal meals etc during the day. 5 days free time per fortnight. Staff will not be on site overnight but there is an on call system if required.

About us

Cyrenians is over 50 years old. We began with the creation of an innovative community to meet the needs of a group of homeless people who had fallen through the cracks of whatever support was available at the time. Our roots lie in responding to the injustice of homelessness.

We have spent the last five decades journeying with people grappling with the causes and consequences of homelessness through building and nurturing of trusted relationships and engaging with social exclusion and inequality which has so often been at the root of their tough reality. We are values-led and relationship based; our core values are Compassion, Respect, Integrity and Innovation.

Cyrenians' head office is based in Edinburgh, with smaller offices in other areas, including Falkirk and West Lothian. Cyrenians is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), registered charity SC011052