# **Volunteer Assistant Driver – FareShare depot**

**Location**: 5A Seafield Way, Edinburgh, EH15 1TB. [**See on map here**](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Cyrenians+FareShare+Central+%26+South+East+Scotland/@55.9634848,-3.1301849,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m6!3m5!1s0x4887b808f8d7f2e5:0x7cae9a046260ef2e!8m2!3d55.9634848!4d-3.1301849!16s%2Fg%2F1tdfy91v?entry=ttu&g_ep=EgoyMDI1MDUwMy4wIKXMDSoASAFQAw%3D%3D)**.**

**Time:** Wednesdays and Fridays. The hours depend on the route, but it can start from 7am.

We are flexible on how often you can volunteer. Just let us know your availability and preferences. We welcome a visit to our depot in Seafield, if you would like to see and get a feel for our place and people first. Just get in touch with us to arrange this.

**What is our FareShare depot?**

Our [**FareShare depot**](https://cyrenians.scot/news/1096-new-home-for-fareshare-depot) is part of the Good Food programme, a social enterprise that supports people to move towards a more settled lifestyle through access to food and cooking skill development.

FareShare is a national network redistributing surplus food from supermarkets and bakeries to organisations working with vulnerable people. We have been the delivery partner for central and southeast Scotland for 25 years.

Our depot has a small team who works alongside trainees and volunteers, who participate in all aspects of the process and contribute to the successful running of the project.

**What will you do as a volunteer?**

You will be a link between the Depot and the charities, getting the food to where it is needed. You will be the friendly face of FareShare, doing tasks within food safety guidelines.

Your tasks will include:

* loading and unloading the delivery van with food alongside other volunteers
* joining the main volunteer driving with collecting and delivering surplus food from local businesses
* helping the driver with navigation, route planning and timing
* keeping the delivery van clean and tidy.

We will provide support and training needed for you to engage with the tasks in a safe manner.

**What can you gain from this volunteering opportunity?**

* Meet new people and be part of a supportive team
* Get physically active
* Develop your skills in working together with people of all backgrounds
* Gain understanding of food waste and impact of community work.
* Further develop your route planning and organisational skills
* Gain from making connections with the charities we support.
* Play your part in preventing good food from going to waste and given to people who needs it

**Does this sound like you?**

Everyone is welcome to join and get actively involved with supporting people as a volunteer.

If you…

* are min. 18 years old
* know how to read maps and use Sat Nav systems
* can do physical tasks (lifting and loading)
* easily adapt to changes (as routes may vary or be unpredictable)
* work well as part of a team and on your own
* are friendly, easy to approach and reliable
* do not judge and respect confidentiality
* are patient and respectful of everyone.

Then let us know your interest and get in touch by filling in the online form. We can then arrange a chat to get to know each other better, and we can offer more information about the place and volunteering opportunity.

## **Your accessibility**

Please let us know in the online form, if you need any support or adjustments to make our first chat together and volunteering a positive experience for you.

If you for any reason cannot fill in our online form, not to worry. Please reach out to us on 0131 554 3900. Ask for Samantha (Sam).

You are also welcome to submit a short video (MP4 format) via our online submission tool instead. Please include the information that we ask for in our ‘interest form’.

Any expenses for helping with these activities, which have been agreed, will be paid back to you. We cover local travel costs at public transport rate, or mileage if you drive here. We provide a meal for all volunteers joining for over 4 hours at one time.

We will ask you for the contact details of a person, who you have known for more than 6 months (1 reference). If you need support identifying a reference, please let us know.

## **Keeping everyone safe**

You can read [**our safeguarding policy here**](https://cyrenians.scot/assets/000/001/672/Safeguarding_Policy_original.pdf?1729240047) that details our commitment to keeping everyone safe. It is expected of everyone to adhere to these commitments. We expect all volunteers to do relevant training, so you can help keep yourself and others safe from harm.