



SOCIAL BITE VILLAGE RESIDENTIAL VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION

• Overview

We are looking for dedicated volunteers to live at the Social Bite Village for 6 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 14 people affected by homelessness at a time. Cyrenians provide skilled keyworkers 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 activities, 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 bills covered. Some food is provided by the weekly shop. 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 14 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 activities 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 Wellbeing 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
 - Ability to adhere to organisational policy and procedures.
 - Commitment to working within the ethos and values of Cyrenians
 - We are particularly looking for volunteers who already live in the UK and have the right to volunteer in the UK for 6+ months
- 

- **What you can gain from this opportunity**

Volunteers will have a full induction and training opportunities. You will get regular support and be able to set development goals. You will also meet new people, develop new skills, gain experience in social care and gain an understanding of housing and homelessness in Scotland.

Further Info

Expenses

Some food is provided. There is a weekly allowance of £50 per week to cover general expenses. All other expenses related to role will be reimbursed or covered.

Hours

Approx 30 per week plus training time.

If this role interests you, please apply via our web site:

<https://cyrenians.scot/get-involved/volunteering/982-residential-community-volunteer>





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 333 1392 (ask for Lesley) or communitiesplacement@cyrenians.scot.

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 application form.

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

When volunteering, you will engage with people, who are either young people under 18 years old and / or considered particularly vulnerable in our society. It is therefore required that you are a member of the [PVG scheme in Scotland](#).

If you are not already a member, then we will process your application with you. There are no costs to you in becoming a PVG scheme member for volunteering.

You can read [our safeguarding policy here](#) 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.

