



## **Volunteer Buddy - Learning Disabilities**

***Do you have an interest in helping people explore and engage in meaningful volunteering activities enabling them to be part of the wider Croydon community?***

***Supported Volunteer (Croydon Mencap Participant)***

***Volunteer Buddy (Mentor)***

As a Volunteer Buddy, you will provide support to a Supported Volunteer to enable them to participate in meaningful volunteering activities. CVA are delivering this project in partnership with Croydon Mencap, they will provide expert advice and support thought out.

Ideal for individuals interested in carrying out supportive roles, those with an interest in providing real hands-on support to people with Learning Disabilities and those with an interest in community-based services. You'll need to show empathy and be able to build a friendly relationship while maintaining boundaries.

### **Key tasks are to:**

- Establish and maintain contact with the client throughout the relationship, building a good rapport
- Support clients to engage and build confidence with new volunteering activities
- Initially attend the volunteering placement (if required)
- Explore their volunteering experiences with them and get feedback
- Communicate with the setting that the supported volunteer is placed to ensure that information is communicated appropriately to the Supported Volunteer
- Work with the client to support them to achieve their goals
- Complete our Case Management System and repost on each session for each client seen
- Attend meetings with the client (as and when under a mutual agreement)
- Be self-motivated and use your initiative
- Maintain confidentiality and professional boundaries at all times
- Attend training, three-way review meetings and support sessions

Volunteers will be required to:

- Complete an application form (online or hard copy)
- Take part in a face to face interview (online or social distancing)
- Complete online training including Learning Disabilities Awareness training
- Undertake a DBS

It is important to this work, that volunteers anticipate being able to meet a minimum commitment of six months and adhere to a regular attendance of at least ½ a day per week

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