**Volunteer Role Description**

**Activities Volunteer -**

**Friends of the Elderly**

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| **Based at The Lawn, Holybourne, Hampshire** |
| **Responsible to the Activities Coordinator, The Lawn** |

**About the Opportunity**

We are looking for people to join us at The Lawn to help deliver activities for our residents.

The Lawn is a beautiful Georgian period home in the village of Holybourne, Hampshire and supports people in residential care.

We run a range of activities for people living in the home, personalised to each individual, such as gardening, arts and crafts, games, flower arranging and seasonal displays

Wellbeing and quality of life is really important to us so the activities we run, no mater how small or big, are part of everything we do. As an activities volunteer you will be helping to increase people’s wellbeing and making a difference to the lives of the people we support.

**About us**

We have care homes and community services across England and our grant-giving also includes Wales.

Through our charitable work we provide support for older people affected by loneliness and isolation, grants for those living on a low income and we work with partners to widen our community engagement.

The Charity includes Friends of the Elderly, Triangle Community Services and the Retired Nurses National Home.

**Our Vision**

We aspire to a society where all older people have the opportunity to live fulfilled lives.

**Our Mission**

We do this by delivering services personalised to individual needs and integrated with local communities.

**Our Values**

We will always:

* Promote wellbeing
* Strive for excellence
* Treat people with respect
* Keep everyone safe

**We are looking for people who -**

Enjoy talking and listening to older people

Are creative

Able to run activities which may be unsupervised

May be happy to help plan activities

Have empathy and understand the needs of older people

Are warm, friendly, outgoing and approachable

Work well with others

Would like to make a real difference to an older person's life

**What you will gain from this role –**

You will learn new skills and meet new people

You will be supported by your Manager and other volunteers

You will be invited to events and celebrations as a volunteer

You may have the opportunity to join training courses organised by the Charity

We can reimburse reasonable travel expenses

**Practical considerations**

We are looking for volunteers over the age of 18.

You will need a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check which is free for volunteers and we will guide you through this often quick process.

All of our volunteers will receive a charity induction, and further support and training will be provided by the Manager as needed.

You will be given a Volunteer Handbook and information on how the Charity supports volunteers.

Mandatory training may be required and will be offered as appropriate.

If you drive as part of your volunteering you will need the appropriate insurance and documentation.

**Time and commitment**

Ideally you will be able to come in on regular day(s) each week but this can all be discussed with the Activities Coordinator

It is most helpful to both sides if you can commit to a minimum of three months.

**Process for application**

* Please complete an application form and return it to [hello@fote.org.uk](file:///\\fotefile\public\EBURY%20STREET\ENGAGEMENT%20TEAM\4%20%20ENGAGEMENT%20HUB\VOLUNTEERS\Homes%20&%20services%20volunteering%20resource\Role%20descriptions%20-%20VF%20&%20Homes\hello@fote.org.uk)
* As the role involves working with vulnerable adults you will need a DBS criminal records check which is free for volunteers
* You will need to provide details of two references
* An introductory meeting and induction will be arranged

Once all the above have been successfully completed, you will be able to commence your volunteering role.

We value diversity in our volunteers and welcome applications from all walks of life and all sections of the community.

*The duties and requirements in this role description are not exhaustive.*

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