### Volunteer Opportunity Description

**Role:** Activities Participation Support

**Location:** various services

**About Blue Triangle**

We are a social care organisation that empowers people to thrive, by delivering solution in connected communities which focus on the needs of each individual.

At Blue Triangle we use the power of Public, Social, and Private Partnerships (PSPP) to support young people and adults by:

* Going beyond, by providing tailored, supported accommodation
* Delivering person centred, trauma informed support services that take a whole system approach
* Empower and support the development of positive connections and lasting relationships
* Helping to build safe, supportive connected communities
* Enabling those we support to live in supported housing - and ultimately beyond, when the time is right for them

**Role purpose:-**

We are looking for friendly and sociable individuals to help organise and run activities for the people that we support in our services. Ideally you are enthusiastic, patient, have a sense of humour, good communication skills and experience of life. We are looking for people who can teach or pass on skills and tailor activities to small groups or individual interests. We are always looking for suggestions and activities that are fun and will add enjoyment to a young person’s life.

**Specific tasks:-**

* Help organise and run fun and engaging activities for the people that we support in our services
* Supporting group sessions
* Participate in group activities and help the people we work with to identify personal interests, strengths, skills, and their own potential.
* Leading on activities
* Contribute ideas and attend planning meetings
* Demonstrating life skills to people receiving ongoing support or whose support could be heading towards a close e.g., encouraging them to cook a meal or bake, leading by example.
* Accompany small group outings where appropriate.
* Encouraging our supported people’s sense of belonging and connection
* Building our supported people’s confidence and self esteem

**Useful Skills and Experience**

* Ability to encourage and motivate young people and work well them in a supportive way.
* Ability to relate to young people and to be able to see things from their point of view.
* Non-judgmental
* Patience and understanding.
* A friendly personality, good interpersonal skills, and a good listener
* A knowledge of some of the issues affecting care experienced young people.
* Have a positive outlook on life (ability to see positives in people)
* Can build effective relationships with our supported people and support them in a non-patronising and respectful way
* A genuine interest in and commitment to Blue Triangle’s work and the people we support
* Trustworthy and reliable

**What You Will Gain**

This is a chance for you to make a real difference to the most vulnerable people within your community. You can meet new people and be part of an amazing team who are passionate about what they do.

**Support**

You will receive regular support meetings with your manager, which is an opportunity to feedback and discuss opportunities for training and development.

**Training**

A complete and comprehensive induction and specific training about boundaries are provided for this role:

* Taster volunteer session
* Onboarding workshop
* In-role training is available – we value our volunteers and want to ensure you are equipped with the skills you need to fulfil your role.
* Volunteer mentoring on each shift. Further training may be available specific to your role and working with vulnerable adults.

**Additional Information**

* Travel expenses are covered
* Blue Triangle recognises and actively promotes the benefits of diversity and is committed to treating all volunteers with dignity and respect regardless of race, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity, religion, or belief.
* You will need to be PVG checked if your role involves supporting people. The Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) membership scheme is managed and delivered by Disclosure Scotland. It helps ensure people whose behaviour makes them unsuitable to work with children and protected adults cannot do regulated work with these vulnerable groups.

**How do I apply?**

To apply please complete our volunteer application form. You will need to complete two checks. Previous offending history is not necessarily a barrier to volunteering but will need to be disclosed. Please contact us if you have any questions regarding this.