

North West Volunteer Centre Winter E Zine 2025

“The lead volunteer infrastructure in the North West”

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North West Volunteer Centre

Training

We offer 3-hour awareness courses and 6-hour regulated qualifications to meet the demand across Northern Ireland.

Volunteering

- Supporting organisations
- Volunteer Recognition
- Connecting people to volunteer opportunities
- Volunteer Friendly Award
- Good practice
- EPIC Volunteer Recognition
- Promoting volunteering

Access NI

We facilitate around 1000 access NI Checks each year supporting organisations and individuals who require an Access NI check. We support Basic, Standard & Enhanced applications for paid staff and volunteers



- **Organisation:** Cancer Focus Charity shop
 - **Volunteer Role(s):** Various roles available to support the work and raise funds for Cancer Focus in a retail environment.
 - **Minimum Age:** 16
- Click on the logo for more information

- **Organisation:** The Churches Trust
- **Volunteer Role(s) Charity Shop Volunteer**
- Help raise funds to support local people and projects in need. Gain valuable experience: Develop skills in retail, customer service, and teamwork. Meet new people: Be part of a friendly, welcoming team. Flexible hours: Volunteer as much or as little as you can. Sort and price donated items, help with displays and contribute to the shop's day-to-day running. **Minimum Age 16**



- **Organisation: Creggan Country Park**
 - **Volunteer Role(s) :** Volunteering on our beautiful 100 acre site is wonderful for clearing your mind. Share some time helping out with litter picks and tree planting
- Click on the logo for more information Minimum Age: All ages welcome under 18's must be supervised by an adult

- **Organisation: Eglinton Community**
 - **Volunteer Role(s): Support our morning baby and toddler group Monday mornings at 10am**
 - **Minimum Age: 16**
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Eglinton Community



- **Organisation: Reach Across – is a cross community youth group for 14-17 year olds based in Derry-Londonderry.**
 - **Volunteer Role available:** Volunteer Youth Leaders – full Training provided
 - **Minimum Age:** 16
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- **Organisation:** Repair & Share Foyle
- **Volunteer Role (s) available:** Volunteer Fixers/menders, volunteer bakers, & social media volunteers across Derry & Strabane for a few hours per month
- **Minimum Age:** 16



Organisation: The RNID – National Hearing Loss Charity
Role(s): Near You Volunteer – Providing a welcome to people at our hearing aid support sessions in the following areas: Limavady, Sion Mills, Donemana, Plumbridge, Derry/Londonderry and Feeny.
Minimum Age: ??
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- **Organisation:** St. Augustine's Church
- **Volunteer Role:** Receive and welcome tourists/visitors to historic church of St Augustine's
- **Minimum Age:** 18



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Strabane & District Caring Services

- **Organisation:** Strabane District Caring Services
- **Volunteer Role(s)** Day Centre Volunteer Role & Meals on Wheels support Volunteer
- **Minimum Age:** 16 Click on the SDCS logo for more information about these roles

- **Organisation:** Versus Arthritis
- **Volunteer Role(s):** Information & Support Talk Volunteer; Information Hub Volunteer, Physical Activity Volunteer, Self-Management Training Volunteer, Community Network Organisation, Community Network Support. Minimum Age 18



Organisation: Altnagelvin Hospital

Volunteer Role(s): Various roles available to support the work of the hospital, Meet & Greet, Wayfinders, Outpatients meet & Greet: **Minimum Age** 16



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Organisation: A Space 2

Role: Support adults with learning disabilities in ASpace's multisensory centre

Minimum Age: 16

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Organisation: AWARE is the Depression charity for Northern Ireland. A Derry born Charity now has 23 support groups run by trained volunteers

Role(s): Support Group Volunteer
Fundraising Volunteers

Minimum Age: 18

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- **Organisation: Cathedral Youth Club at the Fountain**
- **Volunteer Role available:** Volunteer Admin support General office administration i.e. calls, emails, social media etc for a few hours in am or pm.
- **Minimum Age:** 18

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- **Organisation: Deeds (Dementia Engaged & Empowered Derry & Strabane)**
- **Volunteer Role(s):** Offering the opportunity to support members across the Derry City & Strabane District Council Area in our weekly social group activities
- **Minimum Age:** 18



- **Organisation: Easilink Community Transport**
 - **Volunteer Role available:** Social Car scheme opportunity available to support people with accessible transport options for people living in Strabane and Foyle areas.
 - **Minimum Age:** 18 Full support and guidance
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Organisation: Foyle Foodbank
Role: Foyle Food Bank Driver
Minimum Age: 18 & clean driving licence



You'll play an important role in transporting food from collection points to the warehouse for sorting, and on to the local food bank. Enjoy being part of a team and be physically strong so that you can lift and load crates of food. For more details on this opportunity please click on the Foyle Food bank Logo



Organisation: The Jigsaw Project - working with children with ASD
Role(s): Volunteers to assist with our weekly youth club on Friday evenings at the WELB Youth service building on Dungiven Road. All volunteers will be given training and support to carry out their role.
Minimum Age: 16

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- **Organisation:** Life Cycles at the Transport Hub Waterside Train Station
 - **Volunteer Role available:** Volunteers to support the work of keeping bikes from landfill - painting, fixing and maintaining pre-loved bikes.
 - **Minimum Age:** 16
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Organisation: The Northern Ireland Ambulance Service
Role(s): Become a volunteer driver supporting local people to non-emergency healthcare appointments
Minimum Age: 18

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- **Organisation: NSPCC**
- **Volunteer Role available:** Volunteers for our School Service - delivering awareness in schools.
- **Minimum Age: 18**

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- **Organisation: NSPCC young Witness Service**
- **Volunteer Role available:** Supporting young children and young people to attend court.
- **Minimum Age: 18**
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- **Organisation: Oxfam retail shop**
- **Volunteer Role:** Support the shop team; by ensuring excellent customer service is being provided, sorting stock, and processing deliveries,
- **Minimum Age: 16**

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- **Volunteer Roles available:**
- **Awareness raising:** Help to raise awareness of PAPYRUS and suicide prevention in your local community
- **Champion volunteers;** Help us deliver SP-ARK sessions to build awareness and help prevent suicide in young people

Organisation: Papyrus:
Preventing suicide for young people

Minimum Age: 18

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- **Organisation:** Parkrun at the Foyle Marina
- **Volunteer Roles available:** Marshals, Timekeepers, Token issuers, Course checkers, Photographer, Set up / take down signs, arrows etc
- **Minimum Age: 16**

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- **Organisation:** Parkrun at Holycross Strabane
- **Volunteer Roles available:** Marshals, Timekeepers, Token issuers, Course checkers, Photographer, Set up / take down signs, arrows etc
- **Minimum Age:** 16



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- **Organisation:** Quaker Service
- **Volunteer Role available:** Visiting/meeting isolated prisoners in Magilligan, Maghaberry & Hydebank prisons. Full training provided
- **Minimum Age:** 18

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- **Organisation:** The Resource Centre Derry
- **Volunteer Role available:** Volunteer Driving role available for our meals & wheels service. Serving the local community
- **Minimum Age:** 18



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- Organisation: St. Columb's Park House
- Volunteer Role: Garden Guardians – supporting the work of planting, maintaining, and growing in the park
- Minimum Age: 16

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Volunteer Role available:

- Volunteers are welcome to come along and support adults with learning disabilities in different sporting areas at the Bog hall Sion Mills

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**Special
Olympics**

Strabane & District



- **Organisation:** Strabane Special Olympics
- **Minimum Age:** 18



- **Organisation:** UV arts
- **Volunteer Role available:** Volunteering with UV Arts will help you gain experience in gallery administration, exhibition installation and visitor services, as well as helping out with events, artist workshops and other events
- **Minimum Age:** 18 Click on the logo for more information

- **Organisation:** Guildhall Tower Museum
- **Volunteer Role available:** Visitor Ambassador – welcoming and supporting visitors and tourists to the Guildhall – full training provided
- **Minimum Age:** 16 Click on the logo for more information



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ACCESS NI

The North West Volunteer Centre is an umbrella body for Access NI. We support people who require a criminal record check application for both volunteer and paid roles within their organisation.

Explore the details regarding regulated activities involving children and adults.

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Basic Access NI Application - £28.00

Standard Access NI Application - £28.00

Enhanced Access Ni Application - £43.00

Enhanced Access NI Disclosure for Volunteers - £5.00

Contact Seanna for all your access ni requirements

seanna@nwvc.co.uk

Call 02871 271017/07706291964

Did you know that volunteers within your organisation can receive recognition for their time spent volunteering through our EPIC Volunteer Award Programme?



North West Volunteer Centre



#EpicAwardsNI



EPIC awards are available for anyone who has made or is making a contribution for 50 100 or 200 hours volunteering within 12 months to find out more click here



Endorsed by Derry City and Strabane District Council



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Planning to Involve volunteers ?

If you intend to involve new volunteers, or if you already have a team of volunteers, consider giving us a call to access support. This includes information, guidance, and templates on how to effectively retain current volunteers while attracting new ones. Book today for an organisational health check!



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Available Hot Desk opportunity

Enjoy a room with a stunning view!
Discover our private office available for rent by the hour, half-day, or full day.

- Centrally located with nearby pay-and-display parking
- Front desk support along with access to office amenities and kitchen facilities
- Contact Seanna on 02871271017
seanna@nwvc.co.uk

- Does your organisation involve volunteers ?
- Would you like to be recognised as a Volunteer Friendly Organisation?

Volunteer Friendly helps to
 ensure a positive volunteering experience
 highlight good practice in volunteer management
 shows commitment to volunteering
 help to sustain existing and recruit new volunteers
 connect with us to find out more...



Volunteer Friendly Award®

- ✓ Supporting
- ✓ Developing
- ✓ Recognising
- ✓ Rewarding



Volunteer Friendly Award®

A self-assessment quality standard for organisations with volunteers

5 Strands Of The Volunteer Friendly Award



- 1 Involving Volunteers**
Understanding why your group/organisation involves volunteers.
- 2 Making Volunteering Happen**
Money, management, resources and keeping volunteers safe.
- 3 Volunteer Inclusion**
Equal access to opportunities and fair recruitment.
- 4 Welcoming Volunteers**
Developing roles, induction, training and support needs for volunteers.
- 5 Valuing Volunteers**
Recognition for volunteers' time, contribution, feedback and creating positive endings.



Check out some of the training courses on offer.

L3 Designated Safeguarding Lead



L2 Basic life Support & Safe Use of an AED



L1 Health & Safety in the Workplace



L2 Safeguarding & Protecting Children & Young People



L2 Food Safety in Catering



Introduction to Emergency First Aid



Safeguarding Adults



Integrated Children & Adults Safeguarding



Awareness in Safeguarding Children & Young people



L3 EFAW



Emergency First Aid
at work

L2 Safeguarding & Protecting Children & Young People

