

Young Dementia Leeds

Volunteer Role Description

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| Post: | YDL Volunteer Driver |
| Salary: | Unpaid |
| Accountable to: | Service Manager |
| Location: | Young Dementia Leeds |

About Young Dementia Leeds

The Young Dementia Leeds service is a partnership between Community Links and Carers Leeds and offers a range of wellbeing, holistic, mutual and peer support, connecting people to groups and activities within their community helping people to live well with dementia.

The aim of the service is to ensure younger adults (those aged under 65) living with dementia in Leeds to live as well as possible and benefit from meaningful activity, person-centred care and community involvement.

Our community-based service offers 1:1 support or small group activities offering a short break for family and carers.

The Young Dementia Leeds Hub offers day respite for younger people living with dementia, providing a structured programme of activities, taking a more creative, less traditional approach to day care.

Our carers support element ensures that family and carers are fully supported, have access to information to help them to continue to care and to have access to regular breaks and social activity.

For more information visit: <https://www.commlinks.co.uk/?service=young-dementia-leeds>

Outline of the Role:

This role is as a driver for Young Dementia Leeds, collecting and dropping clients off from their homes or other locations in Leeds. As well as driving you might also get involved in other activities based at the centre.

Volunteers with Young Dementia Leeds play a key role in supporting people who use our service.

In working with clients, the volunteer will provide a supportive relationship that enables the person to build their sense of self-worth, their confidence, and skills and to support clients to move forward positively.

This volunteer role may have the potential to develop, based on client and service need.

We offer flexible hours based on your availability.

Out of pocket expenses will be reimbursed.

Requirements:

This role requires that you own a car and have a clean driving licence.

This role is subject to an Enhanced DBS and Police Vetting checks.

We also expect our volunteers to:

- Represent Inspire North & Foundation in a knowledgeable and professional manner at all times.
- Adhere to and keep up to date with policies, guidelines, procedures, and practices, especially relating to the safeguarding of vulnerable adults.
- Abide by the confidentiality policy and the other policies and procedures of the service.
- Establish and maintain appropriate boundaries with the clients they work with.
- Offer an accepting and understanding approach and work within a non-discriminatory framework.
- Provide input which acknowledges a persons' right to make decisions for themselves, which is non-judgmental and supports the individual to achieve their goals.
- Be consistent and dependable when working with clients YDL staff and other relevant professionals.
- Refer any concerns about a client to the appropriate member of staff and complete feedback forms.

Mandatory training will be required which will include Information Governance and GDPR, Safeguarding, Health & Safety and Fire Safety, as well as our Volunteer Induction.

Training:

As well as any mandatory training, our training team provide a wide range of courses covering personal development.

Volunteers can access our online training platform free of cost, with over 60 courses available.

Volunteers will receive a comprehensive induction to the service, further ongoing training will be provided to support you in your role.

Regular supervision is included in our offer of support where training opportunities can be discussed.

Why Volunteer for Inspire North?

- An opportunity to support and meet other people.
- A place where you can build skills and experience.
- An opportunity to use your experience and share this as appropriate in a positive way.
- This volunteer role is an ideal opportunity for someone wishing to gain experience in this area of work and has the potential to develop, based on volunteer and service need.
- We will keep you up to date on current best practice.
- Ongoing support and supervision provided to develop confidence in your role and provide opportunity to feedback on the volunteer experience.
- Out of pocket expenses will be reimbursed.
- Access to a wide range of free training opportunities.
- We offer flexible hours based on your availability.

To apply for this volunteer role please complete the Inspire North/Foundation Volunteer Application Form accompanying this role description.

If you have any questions about the volunteer role, please contact Liz Menacer, Service Manager on liz.menacer@commlinks.co.uk or 07391 685565.