

VOLUNTEER ROLES

Community Connections



Purpose	To provide time-limited support to people living with HIV which will improve social connectivity and wellbeing. The support aims to improve quality of life, foster independence and encourage people to access activities, groups and services, in the local community.
Work Area	Supporting People
Key Activities	<p>As a Community Connections volunteer, you will be linked with someone living with HIV for up to three months, meeting them regularly (e.g. fortnightly) at George House Trust or in the local community.</p> <p>Community Connections is flexible and tailored to meet the individual's needs and aspirations.</p> <p>Key tasks include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing ongoing support at George House Trust and in the local community • Developing and sustaining a trusting and positive relationship with the person you are supporting • Supporting your Community Connections Partner (CCP) to access opportunities, activities and services in the local area • Community mapping to ensure you are aware of opportunities, activities and services in the local area • Regular communication with the person you are supporting to ensure they know where and when to meet you • As a community Connections volunteer, you will co-manage an activities fund with your CCP. You will be given guidance during training on how the fund should be managed • Notifying your volunteer supervisor of any concerns you might have <p>As a Community Connections volunteer, you will always be fully briefed about the nature of the support required and the boundaries of the role. You would never be expected to provide help with cleaning, chores or personal care.</p>
Time Commitment	The time commitment varies, although you must be available for at least 3 months, for this role.
Location	Greater Manchester

<p>Skills/experience required</p>	<p>Community Support Skills/Experience</p> <p>For this role you need to be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Listen to others ▪ Communicate clearly ▪ Motivate and encourage ▪ Demonstrate empathy with others' experiences ▪ Be non-judgemental ▪ Be reliable and consistent in your approach ▪ Have good organisational and time management skills ▪ Be able to find your way around Manchester ▪ Research practical information and fact find ▪ Believe in individuals' ability to change and grow ▪ You should have some previous experience of supporting others. ▪ An understanding of professional boundaries and confidentiality <p>Once you have completed the Volunteer Induction, you must also be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Work towards George House Trust's aim of promoting the best quality of life for people living with HIV in the North West ▪ Communicate basic information about HIV, AIDS and Routes of transmission ▪ Work as part of a team ▪ Be punctual and reliable ▪ Be respectful of others' differences and choices ▪ Be committed to challenging stigma and prejudice ▪ Take responsibility for your own actions ▪ Maintain confidentiality at all times ▪ Give and receive feedback ▪ Communicate clearly in English ▪ Maintain clear boundaries <p>Work within George House Trust's policies and procedures</p>
<p>Training required</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Completion of George House Trust's Volunteer Induction Training and Community Connections Induction Training ▪ A commitment to complete one update training session per year ▪ A commitment to attend volunteer team meetings/group supervisions regularly
<p>DBS required?</p>	<p>An Enhanced Disclosure check, at the appropriate level is required for this volunteer role.</p>
<p>Supervision arrangements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Group supervision through Community Connections Team Meetings ▪ Additional support (e.g. extra supervision, counselling) is available and can be accessed through your volunteer supervisor
<p>Further Information</p>	<p>For further information, or to get involved as a Community Connections Volunteer, contact volunteering@ght.org.uk</p>