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Research Volunteer ♦ NHS Support Federation

The organisation/project

We are a pressure group that works to protect and promote the idea of a publicly led NHS offering free healthcare to all in our community, in a fair way. We run evidence based campaigns and perform research on areas of public concern. Our latest campaigns set out to improve staffing and funding levels and to investigate the impact that private healthcare companies are having within the NHS.

The role

Researching news stories about the impact of government policy on health services; researching NHS contract notices and awards. Researching private healthcare companies. In most cases this will be done online and key sources of information will be provided.

Time commitment

3 months for one 3-hour session per week.

Training

Full induction provided.

Location

Based in Brighton.



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Young Health Champion Volunteer ♦ Right Here Project

The organisation/project

Right Here is a youth-led project to promote the mental and emotional wellbeing of young people aged 16-25 in Brighton and Hove, and improve health services provision.

The role

- Battle stigma through hard hitting local and national campaigns like #IAMWHOLE
- Think up creative ways to gather young people's opinions
- Find out about their experiences of NHS-funded health services (e.g. dentists, sexual health, hospitals)
- Plan, design and deliver workshops in schools across the city
- Give presentations at important meetings, and really influence improvements to health services
- Get young people's health issues high on all the right agendas across the city.

Time commitment

6 months for 2-7 hours a week.

Training

Get heaps of free training and development, including one to one supervision to discuss your goals.

Location

Based in Brighton.



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Museum Assistant ♦ Brighton Toy and Model Museum

The organisation/project

Step into a world of toys and models that extends over four thousand square feet of floor space, under four of the early Victorian arches which support Brighton Railway Station. Founded in 1991, the museum has over ten thousand toys and models in its archive. We have toys from as early as the mid-18th century, however, most of our exhibits focus on the golden age of toy making during the first half of the Twentieth Century. The displays have toys of all types including priceless model train collections and many period, antique toys from Great Britain and all over Europe and the USA.

The role

Your role is to greet visitors and answer their questions about the museum and the city – we are also a Visit Brighton information point. You will be responsible for admissions, shop sales, general appearance of museum – which includes cleaning of all areas.

Time commitment

Flexible - days/times to be mutually agreed.

Training

Training and induction provided to all new volunteers before starting.

Location

Based in central Brighton.



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Healthwatch Champion Volunteer ♦ East Sussex Community Voice

The organisation/project

ESCV was created as a non for profit social enterprise to be the primary vehicle for delivering the Healthwatch contract in East Sussex and related contracts i.e. Independent NHS Complaints Advocacy service, with scope to generate additional income where public bodies are required to engage with their local communities.

The role

Healthwatch Champions can be:

- Authorised Representatives, undertaking engagement activity with patients, carers and sometimes staff
- Information and Signposting Volunteers undertake activity in community settings
- Patient Assessors taking part in annual Patient Led Assessment of the Care Environment (PLACE) inspections.
- Mystery shopping research activity.

Time commitment

No minimum, however for Authorised Representatives volunteers commitment to undertake two visits per year. Variable/negotiable for Information and Signposting volunteers 3 – 4 hours per week, for hospital inspections can be up to 6 hours a day.

Training

Induction to organisation and Healthwatch functions.

Location

Based in Brighton.



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Story Mentor Volunteer ♦ Little Green Pig Writing Project

The organisation/project

We are a writing and mentoring charity for young people in Sussex. We believe in the right to write, and that this vital form of self-expression builds confidence, communication and literacy skills.

The role

Story mentors do a very important job at Little Green Pig, supporting young people in our workshops to get inspired by writing and get their words on the page. Not only that, you'll be helping build their confidence and communication skills. Workshops are usually two hours long with 30 minute briefing and debrief sessions before and after.

Time commitment

Ideally 3-4 hours per week for 6 months, committing to regular weekly shifts. A minimum of 4 shifts in one 6 month period.

Training

Volunteers are required to attend a short info session in which they will meet some of the LGP team and learn about the role, and then a longer (2.5 hour) training session. These are held every couple of months.

Location

Based in Brighton and Hove.



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Student Ambassador ♦ CARA (Council for Assisting Refugee Academics)

The organisation/project

CARA provides refuge and support to academics who have been discriminated against or are persecuted on the basis of their race, religion, political beliefs or membership to a particular social group, by regimes in their home countries. It was established eighty years ago by leading British academics and scientists to rescue colleagues from Nazi Europe. CARA is dedicated to defending academic freedom and the advancement of education through safeguarding academics in their work.

The role

This opportunity would be perfect for a student with an interest in human rights, academic freedom and refugees. We are seeking to establish at least one Student Ambassador in each British university who is able to represent CARA's activities by setting up a society and campaigning on our behalf. We would require the Student Ambassador to promote academic freedom through organising events to debate issues surrounding the topic, organising fundraising and awareness raising events to support CARA grantees and acting as a point of contact for our charity.

Time commitment

The role would be very flexible, so easily performed alongside study and part-time employment – during the academic year.

Training

Induction provided.

Location

Based on or local to university campuses.



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Visitor Services Volunteer ♦ Hastings Pier Charity

The organisation/project

The Hastings Pier Charity owns the pier and leads the Heritage Lottery funded project, which has restored the pier. The vision for the restored Hastings Pier is to allow everyone, without exception, to understand, appreciate and experience the Pier. It does through activities that are rooted in the continuing story of seaside culture and heritage.

The role

The Visitor Services Volunteer will ensure that all visitors are welcomed warmly to Hastings Pier and given the information required to make the most out of their Pier experience. The volunteer will be providing general visitor services including but not limited to the Pier Hub and Information & Retail Kiosk.

Time commitment

3 – 3.5 hour slots between 10am-8pm daily including weekends. We are particularly looking for evening and weekend cover. Preferred commitment of one or more sessions a week.

Training

Induction provided.

Location

Hastings.



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Researcher into Local Housing History ♦ Brighton Housing Trust

The organisation/project

BHT's mission statement is Combating Homelessness, Creating Opportunities, Promoting Change. As part of BHT, Hastings Housing Access Project provides training, advice and guidance to homeless people who are struggling to gain accommodation in the private rented sector.

The role

- Understand the nature of the service generally and specifically the aims and objectives of the client pathway.
- Gain an understanding of housings' relationship to society, social policy, government and legislation.
- Carryout small scale research on the transition of Hastings from being a Fisheries town to a flourishing seaside resort, then to its current status arising from gentrification, changes in demography due to national housing policy, and from other factors,
- There is scope for the student to adapt research according to their interests and time available.

Time commitment

Flexible but ideally one day per week.

Training

Induction provided.

Location

Hastings.



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C-Change Volunteer ♦ University of Brighton C-Change Campaign (Environment Team)

The organisation/project

C-Change is our bespoke carbon reduction campaign, especially designed to engage, inspire and support University of Brighton staff and students to cut carbon, both on campus and in our personal lives. Led by the University's Environment Team, runs fun and interactive engagement activities across all our campuses and halls throughout the academic year – games, competitions, challenges, freebie giveaways, social media campaigns, walks, talks, workshops and volunteering opportunities, to name just a few!

The role

We're looking for enthusiastic students to volunteer with our c-change campaigns and projects, to help make them a success and further the work of the c-change campaign, including:

- Helping at stands on campus during Green Week, Bike Week or Travel Week, or one off events. List of our recent events can be found here <http://about.brighton.ac.uk/sustainability/get-involved/events/>
- Managing/providing content for our social media
- Helping with c-change campaigns such as the recycling competition or Energy Guru campaign.

Time commitment

Completely flexible as it will depend on the work and events happening where volunteers are needed.

Training

Brief training will be given before starting the role, so volunteers have an understanding of the c-change campaign and its aims.

Location

On university campus.



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Volunteer Press Officer ♦ Possability People

The organisation/project

Possability People is a charity committed to helping people make more things possible in their lives, no matter what their situation. We work with disabled people, older people, younger people, or anyone with an impairment or long term health condition.

We believe in a society where anything is possible regardless of ability.

The role

The Communications Officer is looking for support to raise the media profile of this a dynamic organisation. In particular, to raise our profile with local & regional media, and if appropriate, consumer and trade press.

Time commitment

We require support for at least one, three hour preferably on Thursdays, from 10am to 4pm. We can be flexible with days and times but a commitment to at least one regular slot each week is essential. These slots can be from 10:00 – 1:00 or 1:00 – 4:00. We would like a minimum of six months commitment from a volunteer.

Training

Each volunteer will have a full induction.

Location

Brighton.



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Gardening/Conservation Volunteer ♦ Moulsecoomb Forest Garden and Wildlife Project

The organisation/project

Moulsecoomb Forest Garden and Wildlife Project is embedded in the local community, an important resource offering horticultural, educational and social opportunities to residents and schools in these surrounding built up urban areas.

Our project isn't just about gardening but plays an important part of the social glue that binds communities together, with all types of people, young and old, pupils having problems at school, people with learning difficulties working together in a safe and pleasant environment.

We offer horticultural, carpentry, woodland management, cooking, educational and social opportunities to EVERYONE.

The role

Volunteers will become involved in the various aspects of gardening and conservation work and also get involved in other community events organised by the project. Tasks include weeding, watering, planting and picking fruit and vegetables. No gardening experience is necessary.

Time commitment

Their work days are:
Tuesday 10-3pm
Friday 10-3pm.

Flexible time commitment.

Training

Induction and tour of the site. Volunteers are taught the basics of gardening.

Location

Brighton.



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Education Assistant Volunteer ♦ Eastbourne Heritage Service

The organisation/project

Eastbourne Heritage Service is part of Eastbourne Borough Council. We look after the Redoubt Fortress and museum as well as the local history, photography and archaeology collections. We also run a wide range of participatory fieldwork and research projects.

The role

To support museum staff in the delivery of museum education activities, develop resources and new ways to engage with students and the visiting public, help plan an extended educational and outreach programme.

Time commitment

Dependant on bookings but could be 2-3 weekdays a month.

Training

In house training will be provided for each role.

Location

Eastbourne.



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Volunteer Restorative Justice Facilitator ♦ Sussex Pathways

The organisation/project

Sussex Pathways is a multi-faith volunteer mentoring project, our main objectives are:

- To reduce the risk of re-offending for people being released from prisons and to support resettlement and reintegration back into the community.
- To facilitate, encourage and support offenders to engage with specialist agencies in the community, to address and overcome underlying problems & work towards rehabilitation.

Sussex Pathways engages with offenders being released back into the community, primarily from HMP Lewes & HMP Ford Open but also extending to HMP Bronzefield & HMP Highdown. Offenders are matched with a volunteer drawn from the local community who is trained to deliver social mentoring services - this is for up to 6 weeks pre-release and up to 6 months post release.

The role

To facilitate a face to face meeting between a harmed person (the victim), and the person responsible for causing harm (the perpetrator), with the aim of both parties reflecting upon the incident and agreeing how amends can be made. These interviews give both parties opportunities to ask questions of each other, they increase victim satisfaction and reduce re-offending.

Time commitment

Half a day per week for 1 calendar year post recruitment and full training.

Training

Restorative Justice Training.

Location

Brighton/Lewes.



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