

VolunteerNL

Communita Connector Volunteer

Leisure venues are the heart of communities in Lanarkshire. They offer many services to their communities – groups and activities, and a safe space to spend time around others, even if you head in on your own. Leisure venues can play a significant role in combating isolation, linking users to their wider community and helping them to take more control over their health and wellbeing.

By joining us as a Communita Connector Volunteer, you can help us link people to each other and to activities in their local communities.

What's involved

You'll help to run Communita, a new volunteer-led service provided by NL Leisure designed to support the local population to feel included in their community by offering a shared space for a cup of tea and a blether. The service will complement existing services provided by leisure.

Activities include:

- Setting out and tidying up the Communita space
- Meeting and greeting people, providing a warm welcome
- Facilitating and encouraging conversation
- Providing a friendly, listening ear
- Explaining the resources and services available across Active & Creative Communities
- Highlighting events and classes & encouraging attendance
- Supporting people on a one to one basis, depending on their individual needs
- Signposting people to relevant local services
- Maintaining signposting literature as required

What will you get out of it?

- Be part of a friendly, enthusiastic team of people and get more involved in your local community
- Use and develop your skills, enhancing your CV
- Make new friends and feel connected
- Full training, induction and ongoing support
- Receive agreed out of pocket expenses in line with our financial guidelines and procedures.
- Reduced membership to ActiveNL Gyms Benefits to you

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Qualities and skills required for the role

- Open, warm and friendly manner
- Non-judgmental
- Able to initiate and facilitate conversations
- Good communication skills with people from all backgrounds
- Awareness of own limitations and boundaries
- Commitment to the role
- Willingness to undertake training as required
- Ability to work on your own and as part of a team
- Reliability

Training and support

You'll receive full training and support to give you the skills needed to carry out this role. Regular ongoing support and development is available from the project team

Location

This role will initially be available in Ravenscraig Regional Sports Facility on xxx

Days and times

Days and times for the service are to be agreed.

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This volunteering role will require a Basic Disclosure check and all volunteers will be required to undertake a Disclosure check prior to volunteering. We'll support you to complete the relevant paperwork during the recruitment process.

What's the commitment?

- We ask that volunteers offer a minimum commitment of 2 hours per week for 6 months or more. This regular commitment from you will help to provide service users with a consistently great experience.

For more information contact our Volunteer & Services Coordinator who will be happy to discuss your enquiry and the role in more detail.

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