

Volunteer Role Description

Role Title	Buddy
Purpose/Summary	To provide one-one social contact
Responsible To	Buddy Service Co-ordinator/ Volunteer Co-ordinator
Commitment Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Weekly. ➤ Two hours minimum.
Location of Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Meetings take place in the community.
Core Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To engage in a social activity with a young person experiencing emotional issues. ➤ To explore community based activities the young person may like to access. ➤ To be a supportive role-model whilst maintaining professional boundaries ➤ To engage with the young person and encourage empowerment and independence.
Person Specification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The volunteer needs to have, warmth, sensitivity, understanding, patience and a sense of humour, with a mature flexible outlook and enough time to volunteer regularly. ➤ To be able to give at least six months commitment. ➤ No specific experience is necessary as training will be given.
Support offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Induction training is provided before volunteers take up their role. ➤ Ongoing training is provided by the co-ordinator. ➤ Support/supervision sessions provided. ➤ Reimbursement of expenses. ➤ Public liability insurance cover.
Any other information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Volunteers are required to complete an application form. ➤ Provide details of two referees (who are not related and have known the applicant for a minimum of two years) ➤ Complete a DBS check ➤ Attend any training required.

***NB where possible tasks are adapted to suit the needs and interests of individual volunteers.**

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