

Educate

Volunteer Role Description

EDUCATE (Early Dementia Users' Co-operative Aiming to Educate) is an award winning group of people with dementia. EDUCATE gives people with dementia a voice. Through involvement in awareness raising, training and consultation, members share their experience of living with dementia, both to oppose the stigma surrounding the condition and to promote the idea of living well with dementia

In order to share their expertise, EDUCATE members need support with the practical arrangements involved in getting to events and managing their speaking engagements.

What an EDUCATE Buddy does:

- Buddies accompany EDUCATE members to events, and help make the necessary adjustments that allow members to participate fully.
- Buddies work with EDUCATE members to familiarise themselves with each individual's necessary adjustments, which can range from help getting around to support delivering talks.
- Buddies attend meetings of the group, as well as conferences, seminars and events in the line of EDUCATE work
- Buddies receive support in their role from professional NHS staff facilitating the project.

Personal qualities most suited to this role:

- Friendly and approachable
- Supportive and patient
- Be open to learning from people with dementia
- Be comfortable working independently and flexibility
- Good listening skills
- Ability and willingness to work with organisational policies and procedures

Time involved:

The minimum time available to volunteer for this role is at least half a day a week.

Role Specific Training:

The role includes training provided or arranged by the Pennine Care NHS Foundation trust in various aspects of person centred dementia support and disability rights. Other training may be provided as felt appropriate.

Role Specific Limitations and Boundaries

This role is based at The Meadows, Offerton and also has a community based element.

Responsibilities: Mark Perry, Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust, The Meadows

This role is recruited through and supported in terms of administration by Age UK Stockport. This includes Insurance cover and payment of expenses – see general sheet.

However please note all ongoing training, supervision and support in connection with the role will be provided by and is the responsibility of the Pennine Care Team at the Meadows.

This Task Sheet must be read in conjunction with the Step Out Stockport & Age UK Stockport **General Guidance Sheet for Volunteers** which contains additional important information including about expenses, insurance, your privacy rights and other general matter.

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