

**Volunteer Driver**

**Overview**

Age UK Leeds delivers a variety of projects providing opportunities for older people to socialise and join in with activities or support services.

We require volunteer drivers to help older people who need assistance to attend events, activities and appointments in venues across Leeds



**What does being a volunteer driver involve?**

We are looking for volunteers who can support with the following activities:

* Pick up and drop off an older person from their own home in the city of Leeds on a regular basis e.g. once a week or on a one-off basis e.g. for an appointment
* Helping to plan routes and being aware of safety issues
* Chatting with people you collect and offering reassurance during journeys, where needed
* Helping older people with sensory, memory and mobility impairments to safely attend and join in activities
* Remaining at a venue or nearby to support with return trips

In order to do this role, you will need

* Access to your own vehicle that is roadworthy, reliable and suitable for client’s needs
* To be prepared to undertake some formal training
* To read the Volunteer Driver Handbook and become familiar with Age UK Leeds policies and procedures
* To annually provide copies of your driving licence, vehicle insurance, road tax and MOT status





**Can you help?**

* Do you have a kind, caring and friendly manner?
* Are you reliable, enthusiastic and supportive?
* Do you have good driving and navigation skills?
* Are you patient with others and have good communication skills
* Are you willing to develop an understanding of people’s individual needs?
* Can you commit to volunteering on a regular basis e.g. picking someone up at the scheduled time every week?



**Volunteer Commitment**

All Age UK Leeds volunteers are offered a full induction. Volunteers also have access to training, informal supervision, briefings and opportunities to participate in social events. Age UK Leeds will provide specific training on Safeguarding, Health and Safety, Professional Boundaries and anything relevant to the role.

All agreed out of pocket expenses such as mileage costs will be met by Age UK Leeds.

Volunteer drivers work on an as-needed basis. Days and locations offered will try to suit your availability, however, Tuesdays/Wednesday/Thursdays are likely to be busier days. There is also the possibility of occasional evenings and weekends.

**We offer:**

* support and training
* work experience
* opportunity to develop new skills and interests
* chance to meet new people
* an opportunity to contribute to and be part of an established organisation specialising in the knowledge and understanding of the older people of Leeds

If necessary for the role being undertaken, a full DBS will be completed, which we will organise, and references received before commencement.



**How to apply**

**To find out more about volunteering with the Age UK Leeds Ways to Wellbeing Project please email:**

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**Or call:**

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