



Volunteer Role Outline

Upcycling Volunteer

Mission Statement

Age UK Plymouth exists to care for and work with older people and their carers in and around the City of Plymouth to improve their quality of life through the promotion of choice, opportunity and independence.

Upcycling Volunteer

We are looking for someone to volunteer within our Dementia Day Centre in Plymstock. In our Plymstock centre we have just started a new upcycling group, we are looking for someone with a basic level of DIY skills. At Age UK Plymouth we offer a range of services to the older people in Plymouth in order to encourage them to love later life.

What skills does an Upcycling Volunteer need?

An Upcycling volunteer needs:

- Patience
- A friendly, approachable manner
- Empathy with older people
- Ability to work as part of a team as well as on a 1-2-1 basis
- Good communication skills
- Reliability and trustworthiness
- Willingness to attend induction and undertake training appropriate to the role
- Experience with painting, decorating, woodwork and upholstery

If you feel you have, or could develop with training and support, the above skills we would welcome your application. If you feel unsure and would like to ask any questions, then please call us on 01752 256020 and ask for the volunteer department.

Main duties as an Upcycling Volunteer

- Following all risk assessments and our current Health & Safety policy
- Use your creativity to create items that could be sold to the public
- Keep all tools and materials in a good condition
- Supporting our clients living with dementia to be able to carry out tasks
- Look out for suitable items that could be upcycled within the Dementia Day Centre

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What training do we provide?

Successful applicants would need to complete online training relating to GDPR, Dementia, PPE, COVID and Equality and Diversity. These sessions are all delivered via e-learning and can therefore be completed remotely.

How much time do we expect you to give?

Morning or an Afternoon a week, or a full day a week.

What is our commitment to you?

- We will provide initial and ongoing training to help you develop your knowledge and skills.
- We will continue to support you in your role, providing information and advice as necessary.
- We will discuss with you any problems you may have with your role.
- We will discuss with you any concerns we may have about the way you carry out your role.
- We will reimburse reasonable, approved out of pocket expenses such as parking and mileage. You will also be entitled to a free lunch if you volunteer for 4 or more hours.

What is the next step?

Complete and return the volunteer application form with the names of 2 referees, to Age UK Plymouth. Application forms will then be used to select suitable applicants to interview.