

North Canterbury Visitor Programme

Role Description – Volunteer Visitor

Purpose of the Role:

Is to make a real difference in the enhancement of the well being and quality of life of an older person. The role helps to reduce loneliness by providing friendship and companionship on a regular basis.

Outcomes for a Volunteer Visitor:

1. Meet the desire to help others who are isolated or lonely in their own community.
2. Share your own skills abilities and talents with the client.
3. Companionship and friendship and having a meaningful connection with another person.

The Volunteer will have the following skills & abilities:

1. A keen interest in spending time with an older person.
2. A warm friendly personality and enjoy a chat.
3. Respectful of confidentiality and of other cultures and ways of doing things.
4. The ability to understand an individual and work at their own pace.
5. A pleasant, respectful and caring manner.

Commitment and location:

1. The ability to commit to volunteering once a week for an hour.

Key Tasks will include:

1. Initially meeting the client and decide if there is a compatible match between the two parties.
2. A commitment to meeting the person on a regular basis.
3. Support the person through companionship and mutually agreed activities or tasks.

Extra things you will receive:

1. A New Volunteer pack and Volunteer training.
2. You will be offered several times a year relevant workshops and seminars.
3. A mid winter get together and an end of year celebration.
4. A certificate of service once a year.

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