



Volunteer Role Profile

Mentor

New Life Wood is an inspirational charity at the heart of the community in Basildon, and across South Essex. Our mission is to take lives and goods that others would discard, and provide the means to see those lives and goods renewed and become a valued part of our community. We work with adults from the local community who volunteer within the charity to help equip and support them back into paid employment, and to help bring about positive change in their lives. These include ex-offenders and those with a past history of mental health and drug and alcohol issues.

We aim to do this by means of a wood regeneration and recycling initiative - recycling lumber, reducing landfill, and restoring lives. Our impact is life-changing and helps protect our environment too.

Our ethos of care reflects our Christian values and principles and we consider our work as a practical expression of God's love for our local community.

Tasks and responsibilities

- Working alongside our work placement volunteers, you will provide guidance, support and be a source of encouragement and inspiration for these volunteers
- You could be working in any area of our site and operations including: wood workshop, wood storage and preparation area, wood collections or retail area
- You will be helping to ensure our volunteers are happy in their work and suitably equipped to carry out their role

Benefits

- An opportunity to use and develop your mentoring skills to positively impact others, and help bring about positive change in their lives
- An opportunity to really make a difference in your local community

- You will gain valuable additional volunteer experience, and be provided with a reference upon request which can be beneficial to potential employers for employment opportunities

Key Skills and Requirements

- Experience in a previous mentoring role would be advantageous
- Sympathetic and respectful of our Christian heritage, and our core values and principles
- An ability to relate to and work alongside disadvantaged adults (including ex offenders and those with a past history of mental health, drug and alcohol issues) will be an advantage
- A practical hands on approach will be required and a willingness to get involved with some physical work, including lifting, fetching and carrying, and other tasks as required
- You will be a confident, polite and approachable person as you will be working with vulnerable adults and representing New Life Wood when members of the public visit our site
- A willingness and ability to communicate effectively and passionately when taking about the work of New Life Wood to the wider public
- An ability to work as part of a varied team

Training and Support

- Full Health and Safety Training will be provided to help ensure your safety and equip you in this role
- An induction and welcome to the Charity will also be provided upon starting the role

Location

Your volunteering role will be based at Wat Tyler Park, Pitsea, SS16 4UH

Hours

- A minimum of **4 hrs per week**, various shifts available
- Between the hours of 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday, 10am – 3pm Saturday

To apply for this Role

Contact Peter Hall at New Life Wood on 01268 211568 / 07904 150180 or email: volunteering@newlifewood.org.uk