



Volunteer Role Profile

Wood Workshop Volunteer

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

- Sorting and preparing waste wood upon arrival from wood collections
- Working in wood workshop assisting our carpenters in creating hand-crafted wood products for sale to the general public
- General tidying and maintenance of the workshop area as required

Benefits

- An opportunity to build confidence and social skills, and become part of a great team
- An opportunity to really make a difference in your local community
- Although the work can be labour-intensive and physically demanding – it's also hugely rewarding and a great way of keeping fit!

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

Key Skills and Requirements

- No previous experience needed, although basic DIY and carpentry skills would be a distinct 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
- A confident, polite and approachable manner as you will be representing New Life Wood when members of the public visit our site
- An ability to work as part of a varied team

Training and Support

- Full Health and Safety Training will be provided as well as PPE (personal protective Equipment) to help ensure your safety and equip you in this role
- Training on machinery and the use of power and hand tools will also be provided
- 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