

Soup Run Volunteer

Our Soup Run Volunteers take part in our weekly soup run. The purpose of this role is to engage with the local homeless community, breaking the ice by offering them some food, and building engagements and relationships with vulnerable people. It should not be seen as a failure if the entire soup run is spent supporting one person that requires support at that time.

Main Responsibilities Include:

- Engaging with and developing a constructive relationship with local members of the homeless community.
- To provide personal, professional and compassionate emotional support to rough sleepers.
- Provide immediate, direct support if required or signpost to other services.
- Identify longer term rough sleepers that are not engaging with services and pass on information to our Outreach Workers.

Time Commitment:

2 hours on a Tuesday evening.

One Tuesday evening, at least once a month, is preferred, although you are welcome to volunteer as and when you're available.

Desirable Skills:

- Ability to demonstrate a compassionate and empathetic attitude
- Willingness to work within the ethos of Simon On The Streets.
- Excellent communication skills, with the confidence to support vulnerable people.
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Previous experience (paid or voluntary) either in the homelessness sector, health and social care, drug and alcohol or mental health services would be advantageous but not essential.

Training and Support:

We will support you in your role as a volunteer by offering you:

- A place at the heart of our team
- Induction and volunteer training
- Further opportunities for free training
- A friendly contact for any questions or queries

Benefits:

- An opportunity to give back and make a difference in your community
- A chance to meet new people and work in a friendly team
- An opportunity to develop valuable skills and experience

To apply for this role please contact fiona@simononthestreets.co.uk.