

VOLUNTEER INTERPRETER - POLISH

Simon on the Streets is a registered charity (Charity No. 1165317), covering West Yorkshire from the cities of Leeds and Bradford to the Kirklees area. Our mission is to provide intensive support to homeless people that have found themselves excluded from, or who refuse the intervention of other services.

This is an unpaid voluntary role working with our outreach team. The volunteer interpreter will help our Outreach Workers communicate with Eastern European service users by performing a range of tasks, including, but not limited to:

- Supporting service users with communicating to our Outreach Workers and vice versa.
- Interpreting spoken and written information.
- Informing service users of advice and support our outreach workers can provide.

Time Commitment

Ad-hoc commitment. Hours to be arranged with our outreach workers and service users, but would include early hours and late nights.

Desirable skills

- Good command of written and spoken English and Polish.
- Willingness to work within the ethos of Simon on the Streets
- Show a commitment to following our procedures, safeguarding and confidentiality policies.
- Able to communicate in a calm and professional manner.
- Available to work at short notice if necessary.
- Experience of working with refugees, asylum seekers or other vulnerable groups is desirable but not essential.
- Experience of interpreting professionally is desirable 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.