

Here are a few volunteering opportunities currently available in the Downpatrick area. For a full selection of opportunities, have a look at the Opportunity Search on volunteernow.co.uk If you need any assistance finding or registering for an opportunity, let us know and we can help!



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Volunteer Caseworker – SSAFA (Co. Down)

Would you like to support people who have served in the Armed Forces? You don't need a military background, just the ability to listen, some basic I.T skills and good written and spoken English. If so, this could be the role for you. Caseworkers work with clients to figure out what type of help they need. Next, they find the right sources of support and arrange for clients to access it. This might be funds for special equipment for someone with a disability, adaptations to a property so an older client can remain at home or funds for a rental deposit. Caseworkers also sign-post clients onto specialist local services for advice on benefits, housing, mental health, debt, finding work etc. For more info: <https://tinyurl.com/yd49znre>



Shop Volunteer - Marie Curie

Whether you're someone with a few extra hours to spare, or you've got retail know-how to share, we'd love to have you on board! We are seeking applicants aged 18 years or older - no upper age limit - with availability on one of the following days: Thursday or Friday anytime after 12:00pm Where possible, we will work with you to find shifts that fit your schedule.

<https://tinyurl.com/yvmy6mcb>



Various Volunteering Roles – Suicide Down To Zero

There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer and play your part at eradicating suicide in our area. We would be very grateful to receive any time and help you can provide particularly with the events we are running throughout the area. <https://tinyurl.com/mrv3sj2b>



Various Volunteering Roles – National Trust South Down

Group Walking Volunteer Are you passionate about walking and inspiring others to get active, outdoors and connect with nature? We are creating a team to support setting up and delivering walks across our beautiful countryside around Castle Ward.

<https://tinyurl.com/mprtrfj6>

Retail Volunteer Castle Ward Giftshop Everyone likes a bit of retail therapy, don't they? Retail volunteers love helping visitors and telling them the story of our products. Through their sales, volunteers are helping the National Trust look after special places for everyone. <https://tinyurl.com/28hjjhxx>

Retail Volunteer Castle Ward Bookshop Do you a good thriller? Or are you more a romantic? Our bookshop volunteers know where to find the poetry section, or the holiday reads, and love helping our visitors to find something they will enjoy. You could be the right person to join our team of dedicated bookshop volunteers! <https://tinyurl.com/485tkfpr>

Accessibility Buggy Driver Drivers are the Formula 1 stars of National Trust – just with a bit less speed! They help visitors who might struggle to get to and from the car park, as some of our historic places weren't built to be pedestrian-friendly! Enthusiasm and a current driving licence required! <https://tinyurl.com/278atjuk>

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Customer Service Volunteer – British Red Cross

What you will be doing—Giving a warm welcome to customers visiting or phoning us. Helping people wanting to hire a wheelchair or other equipment. Using a computer-based stock control system. Showing people how to use equipment. Taking payments / donations The skills you need Physically able to safely lift or move wheelchairs and other mobility equipment Some customer service experience is desirable. Enjoy meeting people and good people skills. Able to work independently and in a team. Good IT skills. Able to commit to a regular shift on a weekly basis <https://tinyurl.com/5db8payt>



Garden Allotment Volunteer - Downpatrick Community Allotments

Volunteers will have the opportunity to learn basic plant skills, including how to correctly care for and water plants. You will be able to grow from seed and transplant to baskets and tubs. For more info: <https://tinyurl.com/4z2eufke>



Volunteer Befriender Home Visits – SEHSCT

Complement the delivery of services within the South Eastern Trust and enhance patient / client care, and quality of life by reducing social isolation and loneliness. The role offers an opportunity to build friendships with older people, to help them improve their quality of life, a chance to contribute invaluable to their local community and increase their own circle of friends. **Friendship / Befriending** Regularly visit your patient / client in their own home for a chat and companionship' to (to reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation) and subsequently arrange to take them out to other venues that offer opportunities for friendship and camaraderie. For more info: <https://tinyurl.com/4pmbjka2>



Volunteer Car Driver – NI Ambulance Service (NI wide)

As a Northern Ireland Ambulance Service Volunteer Car Driver you will transport in your own car those non-emergency patients that do not require an ambulance to and from their health care teams for their medical treatment and care. This is a personally rewarding and fulfilling opportunity to help patients in your community. Flexible to fit in with other aspects of your life. For more info: <https://tinyurl.com/52n24n6h>



General Maintenance Volunteer — True Harvest Seeds (Kilclief)

True Harvest Seeds is dedicated to conserving the wildflower seeds of Ireland. We are populating a native seed bank here in Co. Down. Working with a close knit team of volunteers and employees who help each and every day to keep the seeds, plants and farm growing and getting better. We are always busy with planting, harvesting, and processing seeds, and we could use a hand with general maintenance. We're seeking a volunteer who can spare a few hours each week to help keep our workspaces clean and organised. Your efforts will make a big difference in keeping our operations running smoothly. The post will be **on-site at 36 Ardglass Road, Kilclief**. And will involve general maintenance, tidying and organising of our workspaces and horticultural equipment. Ideally the volunteer could help us out one day a week (preferably on a Friday, 10am - 4pm) but we can work flexibly with the applicant to find times that suit them best. If you have a bit of time to help out, please contact us. We'd love to hear from you! <https://tinyurl.com/yc8camku>

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