

Here are a few volunteering opportunities currently available in the North Down & Ards area. For a full selection of opportunities, have a look at the Opportunity Search on [volunteernow.co.uk](http://volunteernow.co.uk) If you need any assistance finding or registering for an opportunity, let us know and we can help!



### Green Gym Garden Volunteer - Ulster Folk Museum (Cultra)

The Green Gym at the Ulster Folk Museum is a great way to learn new skills, meet new people and help restore our cottage gardens to produce the heritage fruit and vegetables that they would have 100 years ago. In partnership with The Conservation Volunteers we host a "Green Gym" session at the Folk Museum every Friday.

<https://tinyurl.com/yvfr4wjz>



### Co Down Farmland Bird Surveyor - RSPB Northern Ireland

This is a great opportunity to see farmland birds in their natural habitat and to use your skills and develop your skills with bird identification. You will contribute to this conservation work monitoring specific bird species by carrying out bird surveys on farms in Co. Down. Training on survey technique and methodology will be provided. For more info:

<https://tinyurl.com/yc6vkvcv>



### Memory Tree Event Volunteers – Cancer Fund for Children / Comber Rotary Club

Decorate the Christmas tree with lights and ribbons – people in the shopping centre will be encouraged to write a note on the back of the card which then goes on the tree. People will then tend to give a donation. There will be a stand with CFFC literature beside the tree for volunteers to help with. We are hoping to have one volunteer per shift to support CFFC on Friday 20th, Saturday 21st, Sunday 22nd and Monday 23rd December. For more info:

<https://tinyurl.com/2p9mdedc>



### Building Connections Volunteer Befriender – NSPCC

We need someone who wants to make a difference to children's lives by supporting them with their feelings of loneliness. As a volunteer befriender you will explore with a young person their strengths and vulnerabilities, current sources of support, resilience and goals, and steps they can take to help overcome feelings of loneliness.

<https://tinyurl.com/yhy728dd>



### Virtual Buddy Volunteer – SENSE

Sense Virtual Buddying volunteers make a real difference to supporting young people and adults who may be lonely or isolated. Sense matches volunteers with disabled people to meet for an hour a week on Zoom, over phone, by email, text or letter writing. Sense matches each volunteer with someone who has similar interests, to make sure you have a great time. <https://tinyurl.com/5bhy3d2s>

For more information about volunteering in the **North Down & Ards** area contact our Volunteering Support Officers:

- **David Moore:** david.moore@volunteernow.co.uk / 07850 851823
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## Wellness Session Volunteer – NICHS Ards

NICHS care services offer those affected by chest heart & stroke conditions to take part in a programme of activities and socialise with those who have been through a similar experience. Under the supervision of a co-ordinator, volunteers assist those attending the session to participate in the activities arranged. Volunteers must have the ability to take direction and carry out instructions. <https://tinyurl.com/3b8t6h5e>



## Volunteer Drivers – Cancer Focus (Newtownards area)

Cancer Focus NI wants to hear from people in the Newtownards area who are interested in becoming volunteer drivers with their patient transport service. Volunteer drivers ease the worry, stress, and expense of travel for cancer patients by providing vital transportation to and from their hospital appointments.

For more info: <https://tinyurl.com/3jmcxx9z>



## Bowel Cancer Awareness Talk Volunteers – Bowel Cancer UK (NI Wide)

This role is part of our wider awareness programme and is crucial to meet our strategy aims of increasing awareness and understanding of bowel cancer across the UK. This flexible opportunity enables you, as a volunteer, to represent Bowel Cancer UK both nationally and at a local level, by delivering PowerPoint presentations. We have a number of different roles within our awareness program, supporting our roadshow, awareness talks and information stands. For more info: <https://tinyurl.com/4xk53tpy>



## Parent to Parent Emotional Support Helpline Volunteers – National Autistic Society (Anywhere)

We are looking for volunteers for our Parent to Parent Emotional Support Helpline The helpline is a UK-wide confidential telephone service which provides emotional support to parents and carers of autistic children (which includes grown up children). For more info:

**Helpline Volunteer:** <https://tinyurl.com/4zww4zxj>

(Requirement of the above role is that you are the parent or primary carer of an autistic child including adult children )

**Data Entry Volunteer:** <https://tinyurl.com/mw59x9ss>



## Nettlefield Textile Volunteer – Ulster Folk Museum (Cultra)

Our Nettlefield Group meet on Tuesday's to work on various embroidery, crochet, and other crafting projects. Volunteers work on projects such as Rag Rugs, Cushions, Christmas decorations as well as learning new skills and intricate patterns. The items created by the group are used to decorate various buildings on the Ulster Folk Museum site or contribute to event decoration. <https://tinyurl.com/327jwdpu>

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