



Minibus Driver & Befriender South Hillingdon Mencap

Mencap are passionate about changing the UK for everyone with a learning disability. They are there to support people with a learning disability, their families and their carers. They fight for a kinder, fairer and more inclusive society for people with a learning disability to live in.

Role Purpose

To be able to drive a minibus, transporting service users. With agreement this could be a mixture of evenings, weekends and venues but, primarily to service our Tuesday and/ or Wednesday evening group (which runs from 7pm until 9:30pm) to align with club activities.

You may wish to drive the minibus to and from the group only. Ideally you would also take part in the club in a befriending capacity, supporting our service users within the session to have fun and relax in a safe and welcoming environment.

Role Description

Volunteers will need to be a confident and experienced driver with a current, full UK driving licence in order to drive the minibus. The driver will be driving vehicles in and around the borough of Hillingdon. Mencap have their own minibus which is available from the group location, Hillingdon.

Benefits

Volunteering will provide a great opportunity for you to learn new skills, meet new people and help others. You may be looking for something to help build your confidence or fill your spare time. Volunteering gives you a great sense of achievement and looks great if you are trying to boost your CV.

Commitment

Weekly for at least one year.

Qualities/Experience

- Trustworthy and reliable
- Calm in all situations
- Good time keeping
- Sociable and approachable
- Responsible and welcoming to service users.

Main Responsibilities

- Driving the Mencap vehicle
- Liaise with group leaders to arrange meeting times and pick up times
- Be prompt and reliable.

Training and Checks

MiDAS (Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme) training will be provided through Hillingdon Community Transport to successful applicants (at no cost to the volunteer) once all references are received.

An Enhanced DBS (background check) will also be required (at our cost).

Driving Licence Note

Holders of full, UK driving licences issued before 1997 automatically have the entitlement to drive D1 category vehicles, minibuses (vehicles with no more than 16 passenger seats, a maximum length of 8 metres, a trailer up to 750kg).

Holders of full, UK driving licences issued after 1997 might drive a minibus within the UK on a voluntary basis, for social purposes *as long as certain conditions are met*. These conditions *include* being aged 21 or older and having held your licence for at least 2 years.

Mencap will provide support to ensure you are familiar with all driver matters and also our policies and procedures.

Group Location

Mencap, Alongside Hillingdon Manor School, Moorcroft Complex, Harlington Road, Hillingdon, UB8 3HD.

To Apply

Visit www.h4all.org.uk and download or print an application form OR Email volunteerhub@h4all.org.uk to request an application form to be sent to you by email or post.

Send your completed form by email to volunteerhub@h4all.org.uk OR post to H4ALL, Volunteer Development Team, Key House, Yiewsley, UB7 9BQ.

Call 01895-676-111 to speak to a member of the volunteering team in person.