



# Middlesex Association for the Blind

# **Home Visiting Volunteer**

We are a registered charity working locally to provide support for blind and partially sighted people.

We work throughout the Boroughs of Barnet, Brent, Ealing, Enfield, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow, and Richmond.

Our staff and trained volunteers work together to provide a range of high-quality services, information, advice, and training, all aimed at assisting V.I. (visually impaired) people to lead independent lives.

In just an hour or two each week you could provide invaluable support to a blind or partially sighted person. This will help them lead an independent life.

You will be required to visit the person with sight loss in their home, befriending and relieving their isolation.

#### Main purpose of the role:

To visit the client in their home and to assist with everyday tasks, these may include reading, writing, shopping.

#### **Commitment required:**

- Weekly or fortnightly
- Time is flexible, required on any day of the week, am or pm
- To start as soon as possible
- We ask for an hour a week but if you could do more, then that would be great!
- You must be able to commit to volunteering for a minimum period of 10 months

#### Benefits for you:

- Engage with and support others
- Gain valuable experience of working in the voluntary sector
- Support people with disabilities
- We will provide a reference on request once you have volunteered with us for at least 6 months

#### **Role responsibilities:**

 As a volunteer, you will support a committed team with alleviating loneliness often experienced by visually impaired residents, helping them develop independence and confidence with daily tasks, encouraging them to access the community and connect with others

### **Skills required:**

- Confidentiality
- Good standard of spoken and written English (if supporting with correspondence)
- Additional languages helpful but not essential
- Some IT knowledge helpful but not essential

# **Essential attributes** required:

- Friendly
- Sensitive
- Professional manner
- Reliable

# <u>Training and support given/</u> requirements:

- Completion of an application form
- Provide two references
- Face to face interview
- DBS check
- Training

### To apply for this role:

An H4ALL application form <u>MUST</u> be completed. We require two references.



# To obtain an application form:

- Visit <u>www.h4all.org.uk</u> and download or print an application form
- Email <u>volunteerhub@h4all.org.uk</u> to request an application form to be sent to you by email or post
- Telephone 01895-676-111
- Send your fully completed application form by:
- Email to volunteerhub@h4all.org.uk
- Post to H4ALL, Volunteer Development Team, Key House, 106 High Street, Yiewsley, UB7 9BQ