

Would you like to volunteer to support new migrants and make a difference to their lives?



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We are recruiting volunteers to support new migrants to achieve their personal goals.

Connecting Opportunities supports new migrants aged 15 and above (including older people in their 50s and 60s) to develop their skills and opportunities to find work and be part of the local community. We are a partnership of ten organisations that specialise in working with migrants.

We welcome men and women from all walks of life to be volunteers with us, as mentors or befrienders for new migrants.



We are looking for volunteers to guide and support people to develop their skills and increase their confidence.

You will help participants to:

- ✔ Gain confidence in using conversational English, by being someone to chat with who gives positive support and encouragement.
- ✔ Feel supported in accessing education and employment. You'll be helping with things like paperwork and understanding British work culture.
- ✔ Gain an in-depth understanding of British culture, and the local community, through spending time together.
- ✔ Have a voice. You will advocate for participants if needed.





You can volunteer near where you live, for just a few hours a week.

We need volunteers across West Yorkshire and in parts of North Yorkshire (Craven, Harrogate, Selby and York). If you volunteer with us, you'll be supported and trained by the Connecting Opportunities organisation that works in your area.

If you become a volunteer with us, you will:

- Make a difference to people's lives.
- Develop new skills and gain experience.
- Meet new people.
- Learn more about cultures and countries that may be new to you.
- Become knowledgeable about new communities in your area and more able to challenge prejudice.

In return, we will give you:

- An induction and training to be a mentor or befriender.
- Regular supervision and ongoing development.
- An increased awareness of issues affecting new migrants.
- An opportunity for a new and enriching experience.
- Practical work experience that improves your CV and employment prospects.
- Childcare costs and travel expenses.

So what are you waiting for? Please get in touch!

To volunteer with younger migrants aged 15-21

Phone The Children's Society on: 0113 387 6410 or 07725 639 301

To volunteer with migrants aged 22 and over

First choose the place where you'd like to do your volunteering with us, then phone one of our partner organisations:

Bradford or Craven	Horton Housing 01274 753 352
Calderdale (including: Brighouse, Elland, Halifax and Hebden Bridge) Kirklees (including: Batley, Dewsbury and Huddersfield)	Halifax Opportunities Trust (HOT) 01422 347 392
Harrogate, Selby or York	PATH Yorkshire 0113 284 9848
Leeds	Leeds Asylum Seekers' Support Network (LASSN) 07927 115 574
Wakefield	Dominion Training 01924 210 195



If you'd rather apply online, go to: www.connectingopportunities.org.uk and follow the links to volunteer opportunities.



If you want more information, visit our website or phone us on:
0113 378 8700

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