

Staffordshire LINK values volunteer personal qualities such as:

- Good listening and understanding skills
- Being able to deal with confidential information sensitively and appropriately
- Being able to get on with a wide range of people from different backgrounds
- Valuing and respecting other people regardless of their circumstances

If you feel you can offer these qualities, you would be well suited to a volunteer role with Staffordshire LINK



Find out more

If you would like to volunteer some of your time, then please contact us.

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Quality Health and Social Care depends on you!

Become a volunteer with Staffordshire LINK





Staffordshire Local Involvement Network (LINK)

The job of the LINK is to find out what people like and dislike about local health and social care services and to work with the people who plan and run them to help make them better.

How can I help?

We need volunteers to help us talk to people from all walks of life and tell them about the LINK and encourage them to have a say about their health and social care needs in their area.

What roles are available?

You can become a volunteer with the LINK in the following ways:

- **As an authorised Enter and View visitor** you can go into your local hospital, visit a care or nursing home, observe what is happening in your GP practice and talk to patients about their experiences.
- **As an ambassador for the LINK in your local area** and tell people about the LINK, encourage them to get involved and help with running workshops and consultation events.

- **As an event co-ordinator** helping to arrange workshops, consultation events and booking venues and letting people know when and where events are taking place.
- **As a LINK promoter** helping with surveys, staffing a stall at events and developing the high street presence of the LINK in shopping centres.
- **As a LINK support worker** by helping the Support Team in the office.

What qualifications do I need?

No previous experience is required to become a LINK volunteer we just ask that you have genuine interest and enthusiasm in talking to people about their health and social care needs and working with your local community. All volunteers will be fully supported by LINK staff and full training is provided (where necessary). Staffordshire LINK is fully committed to encouraging applications from all sections of the community and to diversifying our volunteer workforce.

What is in it for me?

Volunteering is about giving and gaining. If you can spare some of your time to support our organisation as a volunteer you will be able to meet lots of different people and give them the opportunity for their voices to be heard; you will receive free training and on-going support to help you fulfil your volunteer role and you can develop skills and gain workplace experience which may help you in seeking future employment.

As a volunteer you would receive reasonable travel and out of pocket expenses which you have incurred whilst undertaking your work for the LINK.

What should I do if I'm interested?

If you are interested in any of the volunteering opportunities available with Staffordshire LINK and would like to find out more information, please contact the LINK Support Team on 01785 887990 for an informal chat. Or you can email us at the following address: enquiries@staffordshirelink.staffs.com

