

April Newsletter

Welcome to our monthly newsletter, with a snapshot of the latest volunteering opportunities available.

Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2017 Volunteer Programme

Would you like to join our team and be part of Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann Ennis 2017? The Clare Volunteer Centre is looking for volunteers for the 13th – 21st August 2017 and in the lead up to the event to join our working committees.

The Accommodation Team for Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2017 is looking for volunteers to form part of their Accommodation Welcome Team for the period April - August 2017.

The role of the Accommodation Welcome Team will be to visit properties in pairs across the county to ensure that all properties listed on the official Fleadh Accommodation List are of an agreed standard..

The majority of visits will take place during evening hours. You will be required to have a good standard of English, sign a confidentiality agreement and have access to a car. If you would like to find out more contact Dolores on 065 68 66 800

East Clare Lovely Ladies Volunteer Co-ordinator

East Clare Lovely Ladies is a fundraiser taking place on Easter Sunday April 16th in Scarriff at 7pm. All money raised will go to Watermans' Lodge Alzheimer Respite Home in Killaloe and Tanzanian project with UCD Volunteer Overseas.

The competition involves 14 men dressed in their best dresses representing their local parish who will be challenged on stage to compete for the title. The committee are looking for a volunteer to join their team on the night to provide support and supervision to their team of volunteers. The role will include meeting the volunteers, allocating roles, ensuring there are adequate volunteers in each area and liaison with the event team. Contact Dolores to find out more.

New Horizons Social Club Embroidery / Sewing Tutor

New Horizons is a social club for all people including those experiencing mental health difficulties. It is a service led user group and has an overall membership of 80 members! Meeting on a Friday evening (8pm – 10pm) in the Friary Hall in Francis Street, they are looking for a volunteer with a flair for sewing or embroidery to work with them on a craft project, (wall hangings, cushion covers etc.). If you would like to share your skills with an enthusiastic group, please contact Dolores at info@volunteerclare.ie

Clare Garden Festival

Sunday 30th April

Clare Garden Festival is an Annual Event run by the Clare Agricultural Show held at Ennis Showgrounds, that attracts over 2500 visitors and over 70 stalls from all over Ireland. The festival is a treat for gardeners and a great day out for all the family.

We are looking for volunteers to help us with the Parking and Gate duties supporting our festival team. It is one of the most important jobs on the day, greeting our visitors and guiding them on their way to and from the festival.

Ideal volunteers will be: friendly and outgoing and enjoy working with people!

The festival runs from 11am to 5pm and we are looking for volunteers from 11am – 2pm or 1pm to 5pm. To find out more about what is involved contact Dolores or Sharon at info@volunteerclare.ie

Clare Haven Services

After-school activities assistant

Clare Haven Services provide support, information and refuge accommodation to women and their children experiencing Domestic Violence/Abuse.

They are looking to set up an Afterschool Activities Club for children from primary school age up to 15 years. The activities will range from Boardgames, Arts & Crafts as well as outdoor games (weather permitting). There is also an opportunity for children to get support to complete their homework if that is required.

This club will run on Tuesday & Thursday evenings from 5pm - 7pm in Ennis and volunteers will be offered support and training for this role. A confidentiality agreement will also need to be signed.

Because of the nature of the service it may be necessary to create a pool of volunteers that are flexible with their time and can be called on or cancelled at short notice. If this is of interest to you, please contact Dolores.

World Record Attempt

Knitted Blanket

A team of volunteers are working hard to try and beat the World Record for the worlds largest blanket. Volunteers are needed to knit 6" squares in any type of wool to reach the target of 60,000 squares.

After the World Record is broken, the blanket will be divided into smaller blankets and donated to the Red Cross. The volunteer committee have received donations of wool and is able to provide any prospective knitters with as much wool as they need.

The project was officially launched on the 7th January and this is a great opportunity to get involved either as an individual contributor or as part

of the sticher uppers who meet on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

If this is of interest to you, please contact Dolores.

Enable Ireland Services Gardener

Enable Ireland Clare Adult Day Services is based in Clonroad Business Park and provide a five day a week service for adults with primary physical disabilities. They are currently looking for a Gardener to assist service users with a polytunnel gardening project. This opportunity will take place two hours, one day a week from mid March to mid June 2017 at the Quin Road residential house.

If you have a love of gardening and would like to work outside with this great group of people please contact Dolores at info@volunteerclare.ie

National Council for the Blind Retail Assistant

The National Council for the Blind provides care for over 5,000 people in Co. Clare providing a variety of services for people with sight loss. They have recently opened a charity shop in Ennis and are looking for volunteers to work as Retail Assistants.

Role includes rotation of stock, dealing with customer enquiries, working on the till and ensuring that all items are correctly priced.

The shop is open Monday – Saturday and operates on two shifts (10am – 1pm) and (2pm – 5pm).

'Vincent's - Ennis' Retail Assistant

The Society of St Vincent de Paul is the largest, voluntary, charitable organisation in Ireland. To support the ongoing demands of the service, they have opened a new charity shop in Ennis called 'Vincent's'.

Volunteers are required to assist with stock rotation, dealing with customers, using the till and pricing donations. The shop is opened from Monday – Friday (10am – 5pm) and volunteers are asked to commit to a 2-3 hour shift.

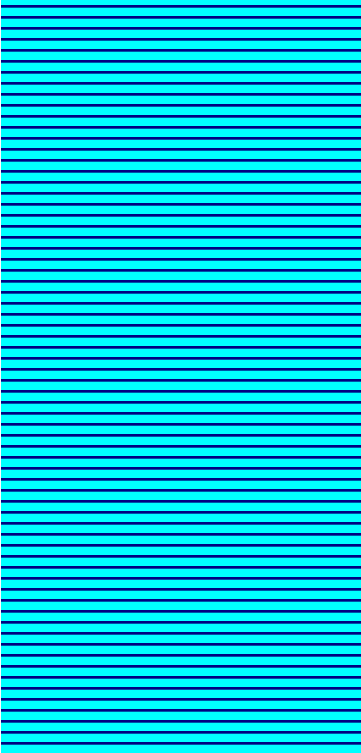
Donation Sorting

'Vincent's' are looking for volunteers to join their sorting team, who would be interested in sorting and organizing donations, ensuring donations are quality checked, to assist with processing stock, including ironing, labeling and steaming and preparing stock for shop floor.

Bowling Assistant Special Olympics

The Ennis Eagles 10 pin bowling club is affiliated to Special Olympics Ireland. We provide a fun and supportive environment for people with special needs to enjoy the sport of bowling in Ennis every Tuesday evening.

We are looking for volunteers who have an interest in bowling or an



interest in being part of the team to support a group of athletes every Tuesday evening from 7.15pm to 8.45pm at Ennis Leisure World. If you can volunteer once a week, once a fortnight, once a month – we would love to hear from you.

Art & Craft Volunteer Carrigoran House

The Health & Wellness centre in Carrigoran are currently looking for a volunteer on a Tuesday morning from 11.30am to 1pm to run an arts & crafts project for a group of up to 15 people. This group attends the day centre and are always looking for new challenges! All materials will be supplied and the volunteer will be given full support by the volunteer coordinator.

Contact Sharon or Dolores: 065 68 66 800

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