

June 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

Street Stewards: Do you have a good knowledge of Ennis and its streets? Can you give clear direction in a courteous but firm manner? Are you comfortable directing large groups of people? We are looking for street stewards to work with the Fleadh Chief Steward to ensure that the streets of Ennis are managed in a safe and well organised structure.

Traffic Stewards: Traffic Stewards are required at specific points in Ennis to ensure the safe and consistent flow of traffic. If you would like to be part of the Traffic Stewarding Team – let us know!

Car Park Stewards: Our car park stewarding team will be asked to ensure that the correct parking sticker is visible on the windscreen, direct drivers to the designated parking spaces and ensure that disabled parking spaces are accessible. Shifts are 4 hours and you will be based in one of the car parks in Ennis. If you would like to find out more contact Dolores on 065 68 66 800

Summer Camp Volunteer Clare Federation for People with Special Needs

The Clare Federation support young people with special needs from 12 - 20 years of age and have organised a Summer Camp to take place in Ennis during the months of July & August.

The camp takes place each Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday from 4pm to 7pm from Monday 10th July to Wednesday 30th August.

Activities will include : Music Therapy, Sensory Art & Crafts, Laughter Yoga, Hip Hop Class as well as different types of music demonstrations.

Various walks are organised each evening as well as the preparation and serving up of an evening meal. Volunteers are required to work with the group to support and encourage the members to get involved

Marketing Volunteer Vincent's Charity Shop

If you would like to gain some experience of working with the largest, voluntary, charitable organisation in Ireland - The Society of St Vincent de Paul and have experience of marketing / social media, we have a role for you! The campaign is for their charity shop in Ennis called 'Vincent's'. *A great opportunity to work with and manage a social media campaign,* please contact Dolores at info@volunteerclare.ie

Resident Companion Carrigoran House

Carrigoran House is an elderly care facility specializing in Alzheimer's and Dementia.

We are looking for volunteers to visit residents, accompany them to mass at 10am, have a cup of tea and a chat with the resident before accompanying them back to their room. The time commitment is any morning between 9.45am and 12.30pm.

Ideal volunteers will be: friendly, have good communication skills and a natural ability to relate well with older people. To find out more about what is involved contact Dolores or Sharon at info@volunteerclare.ie

Gardening Leader Carrigoran House

The Health & Wellness centre in Carrigoran House are looking for a volunteer to put together a small horticultural and gardening project for a group of up to 6-8 seniors. We have a purpose-built Therapy Garden & Polytunnel which the volunteer will have full access to.

The volunteer will be asked to complete small planting projects for a period of 8-10 weeks and will take place on either a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 2pm – 3pm. The volunteer will be given full support by the volunteer coordinator and will be offered refreshments.

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 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 you have any wool that you are able to donate to the project – the group would be delighted to receive it!

Volunteer Youth Leader Clare Youth Service

The Clare Youth Service is currently looking for volunteer leaders to get involved a "Youth Café Project" based in Ennis. This is a project aimed at young people aged 13 - 18yrs. The project is run by a committee of 7 young leaders and they have currently up to 18 young people attending each Saturday from 1pm - 3pm.

Volunteer tasks will include assisting and organising various activities; engaging with the youth café members to manage and maintain the space, attending weekly meetings. The volunteer will be required to undergo Child Protection Training as well as an induction.

This is an ideal opportunity for someone that is looking to gain experience with working with youth as part of a social care course or just that they like working with young people.

If you are available from 1pm - 3pm on a Saturday and would like to be part of this project please contact Dolores on 065 68 66 800.

Cahercalla Charity Shop Sorting Assistant

Cahercalla Community & Hospice have a charity shop based in Ennis. They are looking for a volunteer to join their sorting team to ensure that the shop is fully stocked with new donations.

The Sorting depot is situated at the back of Cahercalla Hospital in a designated area. This is a space where all donations are received and sorted in to various categories ie shop stock, recycling, waste etc.

They are looking for volunteers to join their team which meet every morning and afternoon from Monday to Saturday.

If you have 2 hours to spare and would like to support Cahercalla Hospice please contact Dolores on 065 68 66 80

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.

Contact Sharon or Dolores: 065 68 66 800

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