

April 2022 Newsletter

A snapshot of our latest volunteering opportunities. See the full list on www.volunteerclare.ie

Darkness Into Light Assistants

What's Involved

The Darkness Into Light committee are delighted to announce that the Darkness Into Light walk to support Pieta House is back in Ennis for 2022. It has been 2 years since the walk has taken place in person they are hoping this event will be bigger and better than ever with much funds now needed.

The walk will take place on Saturday 7th May at 4.15am in Ennis town with the route to be advised.

As the committee work through organising this event they are looking for volunteers to support them managing the crowd and to offer refreshments following the event. This is to ensure this event is both well organised and enjoyable.

All volunteers will have a team lead to report to and will be fully supported on the day.

The volunteers will be fully supported and briefed by the fundraising manager and will report to the volunteer coordinator.

If you have 2 hours to spare on the morning of this event, please contact Dolores on 065 68 45517 or email dolores@volunteerclare.ie

Community Response Volunteers – Lisdoonvarna & Ballyvaughan

What's Involved

As part of the response to supporting displaced people from Ukraine, there are Organisations in both Lisdoonvarna & Ballyvaughan providing community support that will include working with families and individuals to assist with the integration and access of supports.

Tasks:

To provide basic practical support for the person where necessary such as assistance with shopping

Accompanying adults and children to appointments
Teaching adults and children specific skills such as knitting, crafts, language exchange
Translation service for adults and children
Leading guided walks around the local area with adults and children
Supervising playgroups
Organising donations of clothing and supplies
Leading coffee mornings and social get togethers for adults and children
Participating in organized fundraising activities

We ask that Community Covid-19 Response' volunteers commit to an initial 3-month period. We envisage that this will be being between 3-4 practical tasks per week, however this may change.

If you are interested in this type of role please contact Dolores on 065 68 45517 or email dolores@volunteerclare.ie

Home Visitation – St Vincent de Paul

The aim of the St Vincent de Paul Society is to tackle poverty in all its forms through the provision of practical assistance to those in need. The Home Visitation team support those who request assistance from the Society. They visit people in their own homes with the offer of offer support, guidance & friendship.

The visitation volunteers will always work in pairs in the following areas throughout Clare They have local branches in Kilkee, Kilrush, Ennistymon, Ennis, Clarecastle, East Clare, Miltown Malby, Newmarket on Fergus, Sixmilebridge and Shannon. Volunteers are required in all the areas.

The tasks are as follows:

Attend regular Visitation Conference meetings on a weekly basis.
To complete weekly/fortnightly home visits in pairs. When visits are not possible, provide support via phone calls
Provide a listening ear as well as practical help and information
Work with people in a non-judgemental manner to try and resolve the difficulties they are experiencing.
Try to understand the needs of the people and focus on empowering them
As a group make informed decisions on requests for assistance received.
Uphold policies and procedures of SVP, including SVP Safeguarding Policy & Procedures

All visitation volunteers will be fully supported by the Conference President and other members on an ongoing basis. The time commitment is 3.5 hours per week.

If you have up to 3.5 hours per week and would like to get involved in this role with St Vincent de Paul please contact Dolores on 065 68 45517 or email dolores@volunteerclare.ie

Accounts Volunteer – St Vincent de Paul

What's Involved

The Clare Branch of St Vincent de Paul are looking for support with their Accounts to ensure that the various local Conferences capture and record important financial data. This will improve their ability to assist people whilst also adhering to relevant legislation.

The volunteer will carry out the following:-

Collecting financial information from Conferences on a weekly basis and inputting the data in the SVP accounting system.

Producing summary reports for the Conferences on a monthly, quarterly and annual basis to showcase the nature of the activity and to help identify trends.

Highlight any discrepancies to the Conference President, so that the correct financial data is captured and stored correctly

Volunteers for this accounts role are asked to work remotely from 2 - 4 hours a week while attending Conference Meetings from time to time.

If you have up to 4 hours per week and would like to get involved in this role with St Vincent de Paul please contact Dolores on 065 68 45517 or email dolores@volunteerclare.ie

Conversational English Support Ennis, Shannon and Online

What's Involved

Fáilte Isteach is an organisation that provides opportunities for people to contribute to their communities and engage actively in society. Fáilte Isteach involves volunteers welcoming migrants to the community through conversational English classes. It provides more than the transfer of skills and knowledge. It is making a positive difference to everyone involved. Due to the increase in demand with the displaced people of Ukraine they are looking for more people to get involved. This can be face to face in both Ennis and Shannon or Online.

Following Covid they have started back their teaching face to face as well as offering online support and they are looking for volunteers to join their team. The aim is to assist people that are new to the community to improve their spoken English. Fáilte Isteach offers bespoke training and provide resources and all materials to include books. All training and information are currently done on Zoom All volunteers must be over 18years of age and have good WIFI coverage at home.

The courses are usually 6 weeks and the set up is 2 tutors with up to 4 learners on Zoom at any one time. The tutors will work together, and they will always be supported. Fáilte Isteach offer their tutors other training all coming under the ethos of

their organisation. Please note that you do not have to have a teaching background to assist in this role but must have good people skills and the ability to keep conversation flowing.

If you are interested in this role and are confident on Zoom (full training will be provided on the workings of Zoom also) please contact Dolores on 065 68 45517 or dolores@volunteerclare.ie

Tourist Information Volunteer – Kilrush

Kilrush Town Team have secured a Mobile Community and Tourism Unit with the support of LEADER Funding. This unit will be located at the Square in Kilrush to give Tourist Information, Historical Information. It will also have a booking office for annual events in the town.

They are now looking for volunteers to support the office in order to provide information on local activities, travel, hospitality and accommodation information as well as to promote local attractions in the area. The Town Team will provide both training and all relevant information

The tasks are as follows:

- Answer questions from tourists, visitors, local residents in person.
- Make suggestions on tours, travel routes, accommodation and local attractions
- Provide literature and information on local tours and places of interest.
- Record tourist numbers and nature of enquiries manually.

The time slots are 9am to 1pm & 1pm to 5pm

This Hub will be open from Monday to Friday and volunteers are required for 4 hours on any day, morning or afternoon

If you have availability on any morning or afternoon and have an interest in this area, please contact Dolores on 065 68 45517 or dolores@volunteerclare.ie

Administration Support – Samaritans

The Samaritans offer a free confidential helpline for people who are upset, troubled or feeling suicidal.

The Ennis Branch of the Samaritans are looking for a volunteer who can assist with a wide variety of administrative tasks in their office based in Ennis.

The volunteer would need to have a background in office procedure and be able to carry out the following tasks:

- Collations of statistical information as required
- Maintaining accessible records and files for team.
- Administration support to the volunteers ie Typing, scanning, photocopying, etc.
- Maintaining and updating the database
- Development of systems for purchasing , stock taking.

Ensuring there are sufficient supplies and equipment to support the team's work including stationery supplies and household products
Providing support to the PR team with advertising material and social media updates

The volunteer would need to have the ability to work on their own initiative with discretion and confidentiality. They also need to be proficient in IT to include Microsoft Office.

This role can be up to 4 hours a week and can be carried out in the morning or afternoon.

If you are interested in please contact Dolores on 065 68 45517 or email dolores@volunteerclare.ie for further details and to be referred.

Please be advised that we have now returned to the office at Kilrush Road, Ennis and can be contacted on 065 68 45517 by email at dolores@volunteerclare.ie OR sharon@volunteerclare.ie
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