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Volunteering Opportunities at The Edge Café

The Edge Café is a place where you can be yourself and belong. A place where recovery from drug and alcohol dependency is possible. Bringing people together, the Edge is a hub for building positive relationships and experiences. Giving each other social stability, we can watch it spread from our café into our lives and the world outside.

If you decide you want to volunteer at The Edge, once you have completed this form one of our lovely staff members will ask you to come in for an initial chat, this is not an interview, just a chance to get an idea of what you'd like to do. From there you can meet members of the team and get a feel for the project. Volunteering at The Edge is a great way to gain new skills, increase confidence, whether you're looking to improve your CV, take on a new challenge or just to be part of a team!

We encourage volunteers from a wide range of backgrounds and try to best match volunteering opportunities with individuals' skills, experience and capability.

There are 5 main areas of the project that we are looking for volunteer help

1. Kitchen/waiting staff – Learn new skills including coffee training, food preparation and baking, till and exemplary customer service. Full training will be provided. Come in and have a chat with Sarah.
2. Peer Mentoring – If you're in recovery and would like to lend an empathetic ear to others on their journey, come in and have a chat with Gail.
3. Run a Workshop / Group / Event – if you have a skill or hobby which is fun and/or therapeutic, why not join our team by facilitating regular or one-off sessions.
4. Food-Hub – helping to re-distribute food surplus and avoid landfill, also volunteer drivers to pick up surplus food from the store morning/eve positions available (car required)
5. Marketing/leaflet distributors – distributing our leaflets and fliers locally

Please indicate which area/s that you interested in by ticking one of the following boxes.

- Kitchen
- Peer mentoring
- Workshop facilitating
- Food-Hub Pick up Driver
- Marketing/leaflet distributing

Volunteer Application Form

1. How did you hear about us? _____

2. About you

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Mobile: _____ Email: _____

Nationality: _____

Are you registered disabled? Yes / No

3. Brief description of Previous Employment/ Work Experience (including year) & skills relevant to volunteer placement eg café experience:

4. Your availability (please tick)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
morning						
afternoon						

Are you available in the evenings? (18.00 – 21.00) Yes / No

We aim to create a positive environment that enables all volunteers to realise their full potential. In order that we can accommodate your needs can you please let us know if any adjustments to the volunteer environment are required, please give details below of any disabilities or health issues

5. Are you currently receiving support from any specialist service e.g. CGL, mental health services, learning disability? Please give details:

6. Have you got a current support worker? Would you be happy for us to contact them? If yes please provide their contact details.

7. Do you have a history of substance misuse or mental health issues?

8. If you volunteer here is there any additional support we could offer you?

References	
(Examples could include: a previous manager, support worker, landlord, tutor or another volunteer)	
Full Name	Full Name
Address	Address
Postcode	Postcode
Telephone	Telephone
Email address	Email address
Relationship	Relationship

Emergency Contact Details	
Full Name	Telephone
Mobile	Relationship

9. Under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974, do you have any unspent criminal convictions? Yes No

If you have ticked yes, please summarise the details below. Having a conviction will not necessarily prevent you from volunteering but will need to be taken into consideration when assessing your suitability. If we progress with your application then there is a requirement to complete a DBS check.

Please sign and date below in agreement that the information I have given on this form is accurate to the best of knowledge.

Data Protection
<p><i>Data Protection Act (2018): In submitting this application I agree that The Edge Cafe may collect the personal data it contains and use that data for recruitment, personnel and training purposes only.</i></p> <p><i>To the best of my knowledge the information that I have provided on this form is correct. I understand that deliberate misrepresentation or omission of factual information may have an effect in my role as a volunteer</i></p> <p><i>The information provided will only be accessed by authorised individuals.</i></p> <p><i>I declare the information I have provided is true.</i></p> <p>Signed _____ Date _____</p>