



Community  
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## Community Action Project Citizen Advocate Volunteer

## Community Action Partner Surrey Disabled People's Partnership

**Aim:** SDPP is an independent organisation run and controlled by disabled people. They aim to promote, enable and increase disabled people's involvement in all aspects of the community. Their main aims are to empower disabled people, to campaign for equality and to improve local services.

**Roles:** Volunteers are required to provide Citizen Advocacy across the County which supports and enhances their Professional Advocacy service. They also have volunteers to help the smooth running of our Hubs. Citizen Advocates need to be non-judgemental of others life styles, have an understanding of, or a genuine interest in, disability. They need to be patient, understanding, and a good listener.

**Training:** There is an Induction programme which involves an introduction to the organisation as a whole, the shadowing of Professional Advocates within the organisation, time at the Hub nearest in location, to understand how the services are run. There is also initial Benefit and Safeguarding Adult training. There is regular monitoring of work load via 1:1 sessions with the Coordinator and regular support meetings whereby volunteers can get together and share experiences etc.

**Location:** Surrey

**Times:** Flexible

**DBS:** A DBS check is required for this role.

**Other:** The volunteers need to be 21 years old and over.

**All project volunteers must be registered as Community Action Volunteers.**

