Community Action Project

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Community Action Partner

The Camden Society

Aim: The Camden Society is a London-wide organisation. They emphasise creativity, innovation and enterprise to generate new opportunities for people with disabilities to achieve greater equality. With an emphasis on human rights, they maintain a person-centred perspective in everything they do to make sure that they support people to develop their lives in whatever ways they choose. They started as a campaigning organisation over 40 years ago. Now as a registered charity, they support over 600 people across London every week and work in partnership with more than 100 organisations such as local authorities, health trusts and other voluntary organisations.

Role: They have various volunteer roles available:

- **The Monday & Tuesday Clubs.** These clubs are based at 37 Greenwood Place, Kentish Town, London. They run between 7.30pm -9.30pm. They offer a relaxed atmosphere for people to meet with friends and play snooker, table tennis, drumming, darts, and the piano, use the Zen Room, have parties, and use the computers, or just paint. Some people may choose to join in massage & movement, cooking and quiz sessions or to go out to local pubs or ten-pin bowling. Club members decide on the program. These clubs are for people over 25 years of age. It is a great place to meet new friends.

- **The Wednesday Club.** This group meets at 37 Greenwood Place, Kentish Town, London. It runs from 7.30 to 9.30 pm. Recently, people have chosen to go ice skating, hold dance competitions and have meals out. They are currently working on a photography project with the aim to hold an exhibition at the end. This club is open to people between the ages of 16-25. Transport can usually be arranged.

- **Summer and Easter Schemes.** The holiday scheme is based at 37 Greenwood Place, Kentish Town, London NW5 1LB. Each scheme has a new theme and is aimed at people over 18 years. Activities have included water skiing, rock climbing, ice skating, being a tourist in London, performance drama, art workshops, sports and fitness.

- **Cafés.** The Camden Society have cafes in the following locations: Kings Cross, Kentish Town, Sloane Square, Enfield, Clapham Junction, Romford and Greenwich. The Cafes offer an individually designed programme of accredited vocational training in catering, including NVQ in catering and employment. All of the cafes are open to the general public serving drinks, snacks, breakfast and lunchtime meals.

- **Physical Activity Peer Support Scheme.** This is a scheme to provide 1:1 support to people with a learning disability to enable them to access physical activity in a variety of settings in the community, such as community centres, sports clubs and dance projects. This award-winning scheme is proving to be very beneficial to its participants, but relies solely on volunteers for its success.

Training: Induction at project by manager.
Location: Various. See specific role for more details.
Times: Various. See specific role for more details.

CRB: The project will require a CRB.

Other: This project will reimburse travel expenses and has accessibility.

Application: Visit the Community Action office to pick up a copy of the application form, or email volunteering@rhul.ac.uk to request an electronic copy. All volunteers must be registered as Community Action volunteers. To do so, visit http://www.rhul.ac.uk/services/volunteering/register.html