



Community Action Project

Alzheimer's Society

Aim: The Alzheimer's Society, exists to promote the cause of those with dementia - it funds much research, campaigning and provides strong sources of advice. Community Action have links with two branches of the Society:

Community Action Partner

Runnymede Alzheimer's Society

Aim: Runnymede Alzheimer's Society aim to provide a stimulating and socially enjoyable day care service for people with dementia - this involves activities at a church hall, and outings. Their "day" involves craft, music, games, puzzles, art, flower arranging and any sort of playing which entertains the clients.

Role: They need volunteer fundraisers, IT specialists, newsletter editors, committee members, activity assistants in the day care centre, bright idea marketing, PR people and helpers in the kitchen.

Training: The Alzheimer's Society has a full induction programme for volunteers. However, this is not being fully implemented at present. Training opportunities are available for volunteers since the Society does value volunteer input and hopes to ensure their loyalty and to retain their services.

Location: Situated a mile from Addlestone station.

Times: They are open for clients between 10.30 and 2pm daily and would welcome any contribution within that time.

CRB: This project requires a CRB disclosure via Community Action office.

Other: There is no dangerous or physically difficult work involved.

Community Action Partner

Spelthorne & West Elmbridge Alzheimer's Society

Aim: Spelthorne and West Elmbridge Alzheimer's Society's main aim is to advance the recognition & acceptance of the rights of people with dementia and the people who care for them. This will make it possible for people with dementia from every group and community to obtain the information and help they need in order to maintain the best possible quality of life. They wish to involve volunteers as extensively as possible, continuing the development of volunteering as an essential means of achieving our objectives.

Role: They would like to stage some fundraising events such as strawberry cream teas, a barbeque, tea dance, quiz night or even a larger event such as a show or dinner/dance. Therefore they need events arrangers to guide them through and perhaps give them some ideas.

Training: All volunteers have an induction pack and they would be happy to provide training in dementia-related issues. However, they would never be expected to look after a person with dementia and they are only looking at fundraising opportunities which would involve the general public.

Location: Staines.

Times: Hours are flexible. It would be project-based and therefore a lot of the planning could be done at the college followed by a meeting with the fundraising committee.

CRB: A CRB disclosure is not required.

Other: Travel expenses would be reimbursed

Application: All volunteers must be registered as Community Action volunteers. To do so, visit <http://www.rhul.ac.uk/services/volunteering/register.html>



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