

VOLUNTEER SUPPORT WORKER

Leeds Wood Recycling offers volunteer and training experiences to people from a range of marginalised backgrounds. By volunteering as a support worker with us, you will help us offer experiences and training to people who we might otherwise not be able to include due to limited staff capacity.

The support worker plays an invaluable role, boosting community connections, being part of our team while gaining experience that will be useful for social care settings, befriending, training, woodwork and doing "Social good using waste wood!"

The people you will support may be a new volunteer, or course/project participant. You will work with one or sometimes two people; sometimes just with that person/those people or sometimes with them within a group, who are learning woodwork skills.

PLEASE NOTE - You do not need to have woodwork skills already - we will teach you what you will need to know. What we do need is someone who is patient and flexible, with excellent communication skills, able to communicate with a wide range of people and a desire to support others to learn in a new environment.

We will teach you our relevant training modules and teach you how to use the relevant hand and power tools safely and efficiently. You will not be expected to teach people these tools yourself - once the instructor has taught them, we will want you to support them to continue to learn how to do it themselves.

We work with people with all kinds of life experiences - they may have mental health needs, have sensory impairments, physical disabilities or learning disabilities or any other factors which has meant we feel they would benefit from a little extra support.

WHAT YOUR ROLE WILL ENTAIL:

- Supporting with reading through training modules of work and answering/ writing the related answers
- Repeating on a 1:1 basis, what the woodwork instructor has described to the group and may need you to explain it differently so that they have time to understand and follow what's been said
- Demonstrating physically what needs doing, until they are comfortable and succeeding
- Working alongside someone in a task, so they are not left alone
- along with other staff, and volunteers, making sure someone feels welcome and part of our team
- Keeping confidential any information we share with you (with their consent) about their situation

WHAT WE OFFER

- Money towards travel and lunch expenses
- Work experience and references
- DBS Checks
- Other Training available



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