

## Darlington Craft Group Volunteer Advert

Name of the service	Darlington Craft Group
Name of Manager	Lucy Dearlove
Name of volunteer post Supervisor	Lucy Dearlove
Preferred hours per week/time commitment	Every Friday 1pm till 3.30pm
About the service	The craft group is held in the local community in Kings Church, Darlington and is attended by the people we support from service different services who are 18+ and have Learning Disabilities. The location is accessible by public transport.
Purpose of the role	<p>We have set up a fun craft group in Darlington which has been running for a couple of weeks and we are looking for a committed and enthusiastic volunteer to help run the sessions. The group attendees are people we support with Learning Disabilities from across the local area.</p> <p>The sessions are held weekly on a Friday between 1pm and 3:30pm. We are looking for someone who can take a proactive approach with running the group. The role includes discussing with the group and deciding what types of crafts they would like to try. Planning the sessions and preparing materials and equipment. Ensuring that the crafts are accessible for the group and making adjustments when needed. Making refreshments for the group and tidying away all materials and equipment at the end of each session, making sure the room is left clean and tidy.</p> <p>We are looking for someone who is enthusiastic and skilled in different types of crafts. The types of crafts could include knitting and crochet, embroidery, weaving, macramé, sewing, paper based crafts, felting, colouring, and many more. Due to the space we hire we unfortunately cannot accommodate any messy crafts such as painting, but there are still plenty of crafts to choose from. It would be great if the group could work towards projects together and gain a sense of achievement from the new skills they have learnt.</p> <p>As a volunteer with Creative Support we offer training for your role, access to a volunteer supervisor, an induction, a monthly volunteer newsletter, and an online volunteer support network group on Zoom.</p>
Volunteer duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Setting up for the activity, moving tables and chairs if necessary.</li> <li>• Delivering the activity</li> <li>• Coming up with ideas for new sessions.</li> <li>• Clearing away at the end of the session.</li> <li>• Helping to promote the sessions to service users.</li> <li>• Preparing refreshments</li> </ul>

Qualities Required	Essential or Desirable?
Ability to follow written and verbal instructions	Essential
Good communication skills	Essential

Punctual and reliable	Essential
Previous experience of working with / knowledge of supporting adults with support needs	Desirable