

West Kent Volunteer Centre



Welcome to the August edition of the newsletter.

We are very excited to tell you about a couple of events we have coming up for prospective volunteers read on for more information.

Come and meet us at Oast Theatre in Tonbridge on Monday 5th September and a Volunteers Event in conjunction with Sevenoaks District Council on 20th October. Look out for the flyer in this newsletter.

There are a variety of organisations advertising in this newsletter. We hope there is something suitable but if you are looking for a specific opportunity that isn't featured then get in touch with our team by email volunteering@imago.community or call 01892 530330.

Best wishes

The Volunteering Team

SEVENOAKS VOLUNTEER FAIR

in partnership with Sevenoaks District Council



Join us to find opportunities with local
voluntary groups and organisations



Thursday 20th October - 11am to 2pm
The Plaza Suite at the Stag Sevenoaks, TN13 1ZZ

Give as much or as little time as you can:

- Share Skills
- Meet New People
- Make a Positive Impact
- Build Confidence & Self Esteem
- Improve your Health & Wellbeing



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Volunteer Drop In Event at Oast Theatre, Tonbridge

Ever been interested in seeing behind the scenes in a theatre? Whether you're interested in treading the boards, a dab hand with a paint brush or a skilled seamstress.

The Oast Theatre are looking for volunteers to join them in various capacities - from creating the sets in their workshop and designing/repairing/altering costumes to volunteering in the coffee bar, behind the bar, in the Box Office or Front of House during the run of a show. The bulk of the set-building and work in the wardrobe takes place on Wednesday mornings when the theatre is a hive of activity. Work starts around 9am, there's a break at 11am for coffee/tea and a chat (and there's often homemade cake!) before going on until around 1pm. In addition to set builders and seamstresses the props people are in, our cleaning team is at work, the bar is being re-stocked, the Box Office team are dealing with bookings and the outside maintenance is being carried out. You can also get involved in shows, if you are interested there is always a need for backstage crew and any knowledge of sound and lighting is welcome.

We are delighted to be able to offer a drop-in for prospective volunteers on Monday 5th September, 10.00-12.00. Louise Garner, Imago Volunteer Development Co-ordinator, will be there, as will Oast members, to give you guided tours at 10.30 and 11.30, and answer any questions you may have.

If you can't make the drop in but have questions please contact Louise at volunteering@imago.community or call 01892 530 330



Calling all knitters

KNITTED & CROCHET TOY APPEAL

Can you help?

We are looking for handmade knitted or crochet toy donations for our NEW and unique “Handmade with Love” charity shop.

All our shop items have been handmade by amazing volunteers and all our proceeds go towards our vital support services, helping families that have sadly been affected by birth trauma or a baby loss across Kent.

📍 All donations can be dropped off at the shop or local collection is available.

✉ For more information please contact: Jodie@makingmiracles.org.uk

HEAD OFFICE: 01622 735 230

📍 **Location:** The Mall Maidstone @mallmaidstone

Opening Hours:

Tuesday - Saturday: 10am - 4pm and Sunday: 10:30am - 4pm

Thank you 😊

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Volunteer Grant Finder Based in Tunbridge Wells



West Kent Radio has an excellent opportunity for an experienced Grant Funder based locally.

You will be responsible for researching potential grant funds, making applications, liaising with funders and developing relationships.

You need to have experience of grant funding, will have significant attention to detail when following funders guidelines and application questions, to ensure compliance.

Responsible for writing quality and inspiring applications for funds, you will need a high level of English.

We are privileged to be broadcasting in the best part of the UK and now you could be part of the team working in the fast moving, fun and exciting world of local radio.

Of course you will enjoy a challenge and you will love notifications of success!

The grant funder would work principally at the studio premises.

To find out more about this opportunity please contact

office@westkentradio.co.uk for the attention of Lesley Wooders

[Contact West Kent Radio - West Kent Radio](#)

Domestic Abuse Advisor and Helpline Team volunteers needed

DAVSS is a registered charity and we could not provide a support service to people experiencing domestic abuse without our volunteer Domestic Abuse Advisors, Helpline Team and other volunteers.

Due to the nature of our work, it is essential that our volunteer Domestic Abuse Advisors and Helpline Team complete our fully accredited DA Advisor training programme before commencing volunteering.

To provide a pro-active support service to victims of domestic abuse (women and men) aiming to keep them safe and giving them options for action enabling clients to make their own choices.

The Helpline Advisor supports the above service by taking referrals and giving initial safety advice.

Volunteer Admin Assistant

We're looking for an organised administrator to support our office team.

For more information please contact recruitment@davss.org.uk - we very much look forward to hearing from you.

You are also welcome to telephone the Admin team on 01892 502074.

D'Vine Singers

Singing for mental wellbeing

★ Fridays 12.00-1.30 pm ★

Vine Baptist Church, Park Lane, Sevenoaks TN13 3UP

Enjoy soulful and uplifting songs in a supportive group. Whether you're desperate to sing with others again or have never sung in a group before and want to make new friends, you can be sure of a warm welcome in a Covid-safe venue.

Breathable singing masks available on request.

Open to all – no need to read music and no fee!

To find out more, contact Jacky at jacky.hintze@outlook.com
07708 237415 or check out our website: dvinesingers.org



**Need a
wheelchair?**
We can help.

We hire out
wheelchairs for
short-term use.

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We are seeking Customer Service Volunteers in our Royal Victoria Place Mobility Aids Service.

We would welcome any potential recruit to visit and say hello to see what the role is all about. We are open currently Tuesdays to Thursdays 10.30 – 3pm (lower Mall Next to Next).

Or please call us on 07857 670 041 for more information.



Mind West Kent have a number of volunteer roles they are looking to fill including;

Money Works Supporting people with budgeting, benefits and debt management.

Solace Café The café is seeking volunteers to support the staff in welcoming and chatting to clients. Solace Café is run specifically for people who are at risk of developing an emotional crisis and in need of social contact.

Counselling Seeking qualified counsellors and therapists to help provide a counselling service to those who might otherwise not be able to access one.

Find out about our latest opportunities and join the conversation to get West Kent talking about mental health.

Connect with us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn @westkentmind



Putting you in the driving seat

Transport is a means to independence, but when you are unable, too poorly or wary of using public transport then isolation and loneliness can become the normal.

Dial 2 Drive has a fantastic team of volunteer drivers who use their own cars to offer a lifeline to local older or less mobile people, helping them get to their appointments and with trips out and about.

If you are looking for a volunteering role that is flexible enough to fit around your other activities, where you can volunteer for one drive a month or more, with expenses reimbursed, then look no further!

Dial 2 Drive supports people living in the Kent districts of Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge, Sevenoaks and we are also looking to recruit drivers to meet the demand from residents in Swanley, Dartford and Gravesham. Our drivers have been busier than ever as we have been helping transport people to Covid vaccination appointments.

To find out more, visit our website for details and an application form. One of our Coordinators will be in touch to have an informal chat and answer any questions. If you both feel the role is right for you then we would take up references and carry out a DBS check before offering you a drive. It is a great role and one that makes such a difference to those who need it.

“Meeting new people, seeing new parts of my local area and helping those who need it the most— that’s why I volunteer for Dial 2 Drive.”

<https://imago.community/Community-Services/Dial2Drive/Volunteer>

Email driving@imago.community

Call 0300 777 1200



Volunteer Telephone Befrienders

Do you like talking to others? Are you a good listener? Could you give an hour of your time each week to be a listening ear for others?

We are recruiting **Telephone Befrienders** to support those who are elderly, have mental health issues, facing homelessness or living with a disability and resident in Dartford, Gravesham, Swanley and Swale. Through weekly phone calls, which you would make from the comfort of your own home, you would enable clients to become more confident and reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation.

You will receive training including safeguarding, we will match you up with a suitable client and provide you with continued support throughout your time volunteering with us. References and a DBS check are required for this role so you will need to hold valid ID. Applicants need to be 18+.

If you want to help reduce social isolation and can engage with others, then email volunteering@imago.community for an application form and we will be in touch for an informal chat.



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