



S2C Volunteer Recruitment

How can I join?

S2C Volunteers can join us by informing staff of your intention to volunteer at the service via email, phone, letter, website form or social media. You could also drop by in person during a session, after ringing first and arranging a chat. Then we will arrange a visit, and we ask that you sit in on a few sessions as a service user, get the feel of the place and get to know our staff, volunteers and service users. You might favour certain days, or times, or choose a creative activity you prefer.

How do I start?

During the introductory part of your volunteering journey, you will start taking part in basic tasks, making a brew, preparing snacks or tidying up before, during or after a session.

We also encourage our service users to take part in these tasks during the sessions, this helps people feel more helpful and creates a positive working environment.

What do I need?

After spending time helping out in the sessions as a service user, you will be asked to fill in an induction form to become an S2C volunteer. This will provide us with the necessary details we need to have you on the team. We may need to ask for some basic information, like references or disclosure regarding previous criminal convictions, in some instances we may ask for a DBS check, if we feel there has not been full disclosure.

What can I do?

S2C Volunteers help with cleaning, organising events, fundraising, managing the library, accounting, running the website and social media, cooking and organising third party organisations, like food club, men's group, or the writers group, however, our main volunteer roles are Creative Session Volunteers, assisting the session leader and helping the service users if they struggle with any aspects of the creative sessions. These volunteers help to set up

a session, assist throughout, and help clear up afterwards. Volunteers often take part in the creative activity as well, as it helps to create a positive working environment, with the whole group taking part.

Do I stay on one task?

Volunteers' roles may switch, sometimes one session may require a volunteer to stop one activity, and switch to another, however we will try to keep volunteers on the activities they favour.

Do I need experience?

Prior experience is not necessary to volunteer at S2C. Training is sometimes available, when funding allows, to help you progress along your S2C path, and the more you volunteer, the more experience is gained.

How much time do I have to commit?

Volunteers have different expectations and requirements from their time at S2C. Some will volunteer several times in a week, others might attend once a week. We do ask if you come for a regular session, please notify us if you're not coming so we can organise cover in your session.