

## Befriending Lead



**Employer: Evergreen Care Trust**

**Location: Stamford**

**Position: Part Time 12 hrs with scope for growth. Driving Licence is essential.**

We have a new opportunity for the right person who has a genuine interest in people and connecting people together with others and the wider community. This role requires someone who likes to make a difference and understands the impact loneliness and social isolation has on older people.

The role will oversee and develop the well-established Evergreen Befriending Project, supporting our current Befrienders and Befriendees and campaigning, promoting and raising awareness of issues around loneliness and isolation.

Reporting to the Volunteer Services Manager this role will entail engaging with members of the public, families and carers, the Evergreen Care services team, and allied professionals (integrated working) in responding to referrals for adults impacted by loneliness and social isolation.

Your role will involve interviewing and supporting those volunteers wishing to engage with the Evergreen Befriending projects and match with Befriendees. This will involve, completing assessments, the Wellbeing Scale, documentation and due process in compliance with GDPR, Charity commission, and Evergreen standards and best practice, ensuring Safe, Effective, Caring, Responsive and Well-Led provision. The Befriending Lead will attend relevant events and develop community links that promote the Befriending Service, organise and attend Befriender Induction and volunteer training and attend the monthly All Leads meeting and social events that relate to Befriending e.g. Tea Parties and special events.

### **What's in it for you**

**Rate of Pay £13.74 ph**

We offer 20 days annual leave, plus bank holidays, pro rata, and a contributory pension scheme. We will encourage your professional development and provide you with training relevant to your post. We support opportunities for you to develop your skills and support will be offered in respect of Health and Social Care training relating to older people. We seek to provide a supportive and safe environment in which to work and understand the importance of your personal good health and wellbeing.

### **What you'll need**

Ideally you will hold qualifications and or experience in people services and supporting volunteers. Knowledge and understanding of older/vulnerable people and the many challenges associated with Loneliness and Social Isolation. You will need good problem solving and communication skills, diplomacy is a must, and compassion for Evergreen members, their families, and carers whom we support. You will require good IT skills and hold a current full driving licence. The successful applicant for this post will be subject to standard check by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). The Trust is willing to pay the costs for the initial DBS.

### **About us**

Based in Lincolnshire, the Evergreen Care Trust is a faith-based charity founded in 2005. Evergreen, through a wonderful team of staff and volunteers offers a wide range of both free volunteer-led and paid for services, designed to meet the identified needs of local people. The demand for our life enhancing services, means that we are always looking to recruit individuals who share our values. We commit to promoting healthy ageing, through flourishing lives well lived, amongst our Trust and those we serve and their families. We celebrate the difference people can bring into our organisation and encourage applicants with diverse experiences and backgrounds. A full job description is available upon request.

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