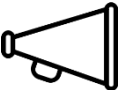


Join Our Volunteer Team

Role	Community Champion
Location	Across Northern Ireland
Key Relationships	Fundraising Team Volunteer Coordinator Volunteers General Public
Responsible to	Fundraising Coordinator
Your Commitment	Monthly (days and times are flexible)
Volunteer Interest Area	Social Action 
Training Provided?	Yes
Expenses provided?	Yes
Contact	Rebekah McDonald, Volunteer Coordinator rebekahmcdonald@simoncommunity.org

Background
<p>Our vision is to see homelessness ended. Simon Community NI has been responding to homelessness in Northern Ireland since 1971, and annually support over 3,000 people through our services. We exist to support people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to achieve a meaningful and independent place in their community. Our dedicated 22 accommodation projects provide 369 beds every night of the year for adults, young people and families.</p> <p>We work without judgement to support our clients who may present with a range of complex needs including mental ill-health, substance misuse and offending behaviours. We are dedicated to enabling clients to lead positive lives through motivating them to believe that change is possible.</p> <p>Through our volunteering programme, campaigns and engaging with partners we are working to reduce the stigma of being homeless, and develop a community response to the challenges of homelessness. The invaluable experience gained through volunteering with us at Simon Community NI is sure to stay with you for a lifetime.</p>

How will this role make an impact?

By joining our Volunteer Team as a Community Champion, you will have the opportunity to inspire others to have an impact in helping us to end homelessness in Northern Ireland.

Working alongside the Fundraising Team, our Community Champions 'tell the Simon Community NI story' in their local community by delivering engaging and motivating talks to community groups, schools, churches and universities.

The talks delivered by our Community Champions are instrumental in ensuring more people know about Simon Community NI's services in their area – and how to access them; and increases volunteering and fundraising support for the charity. You will be provided with all training, resources and ongoing support to enable you to effectively and confidently carry out your role.

What will I be doing?

As one of our Community Champions, your role will include the following tasks and responsibilities;

- Becoming familiar with the work of Simon Community NI in general; and our services in their local area in particular. (Please note: All relevant information and speaker notes will be provided).
- Undertaking training and induction before beginning your role.
- Delivering talks which engage and motivate your audience.
- Attending events to raise awareness of homelessness and the profile of our organisation including Freshers Fairs and community festivals.
- Adapting the talk to include new messages or time-specific information as communicated by the Communications Team.
- Ensuring all donations and expressions of interest in fundraising and volunteering are passed on to the relevant team promptly for follow-up.
- Participating in quarterly volunteer meet-ups.
- Operating within all relevant Simon Community NI policies and guidelines, including safeguarding, health and safety, equal opportunities and confidentiality.

Is this role for me?

Category	Essential	Desirable
Experience and Qualifications		Experience of public speaking or delivering presentations. Previous volunteering experience.
Abilities/ Skills	Confident speaker Excellent communication skills Work on own initiative Good organisational skills Confident in responding to questions from an audience (note: we will supply typical Q&As you could expect) Willingness to ask the audience to support the organisation through volunteering or fundraising	Access to a vehicle or good public transport. If using own car, you will be required to complete our Driver Safety documentation and show your Driving Licence, current MOT and appropriate insurance
Personal Qualities	Empathetic Reliable Approachable Non-judgemental	

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Benefits of volunteering with us



Be part of a team dedicated to ending homelessness



Induction and any necessary training



Learn new skills and career development



Ongoing support and development



Out of pocket expenses covered

Our Volunteer Recruitment Process

Complete Volunteer Application Form (online or download form and post)



Interview/ informal meeting (depending on role)



Pre-volunteering checks (Two references and Access NI check (free for volunteers).



Training and induction



Your volunteering with Simon Community NI begins!

I'm keen to find out more- what should I do now?

If you would like to find out more information for this role, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Rebekah McDonald on rebekahmcdonald@simoncommunity.org or 02890 232882.

Alternatively, you can complete our application form online at <https://simoncommunity.erecruit.co.uk/erecruit/company/jobs.do> or download a copy and submit it via email or by post to:

Volunteering, Simon Community NI, 25-27 Franklin Street, Belfast, BT2 8DS.

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