

Peer Support Network Volunteer Role Description

Network Overview

The Peer Support Network at Project Art Works brings together people who have complex support needs, families, carers, support workers, commissioners and providers to share their knowledge and experience. The Network is an initiative developed in direct response to a need articulated by the individuals and families we work with. Through regular meet-ups, Network members are encouraged to work together to achieve successful personalised pathways for the people they care for and support. Topics covered include, how best to achieve person-centred care, navigating Continuing Healthcare reviews, managing care for a family member and assessments and benefit support.

Volunteering with us

This is an opportunity to gain insight into the current climate of health and social care and the lived experience of people with complex needs. Working with their circles of support is key to the work of Project Art Works. We work with the spirit of collaboration bringing together families and health and social care commissioners, services and providers in constructive conversation. We explore and articulate what quality of life can and should look like for people with complex needs.

*As a volunteer for the Peer Support Network we would require you to commit to **one/two days** per month supporting event preparation and delivery.*

You will experience:

- Working as part of a team to support network meet-ups, Summits and workshops such as Positive Behaviour Support
- Engaging with families, parents, carers and support workers to facilitate sharing of experiences and knowledge
- Assisting with the set-up of Peer Support events in our bespoke Arch 1 event space
- Supporting the dissemination of Peer Support Network resources

What you can bring:

- An interest in health and social care
- A passion for supporting people to access information and share knowledge
- A keen team-player
- Confidentiality and a calm and dignified approach to listening to others