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Livability

Role descriptions

Chaplaincy volunteers – now recruiting

After a long wait, we're now able to recruit volunteer chaplains to our adult Services. These roles have so much potential to enable people in social care settings to thrive, live well and enjoy their community. There are four distinct roles, with the intention to build a team of volunteers to support each service, rather than just a single chaplain.

- **Pastoral Care:** supporting staff, people Livability supports and their families, and built around a ministry of presence. This role will include promoting wellbeing through individual and group activities. Building relationships will enable the chaplain to support in a crisis.

It would particularly suit anyone who is trained in the Happiness Course or has engaged with our Mental Health or Wellbeing resources.

- **Access and advocacy:** enabling people to remove disabling barriers so they can fully participate in community life. Spending time with people supported by Livability to understand the practical and attitudinal barriers in their community that inhibit them from living life to the full, and working out how things can change for the better.

It would particularly suit anyone who has joined our More than Welcome training, or who has experience of access audits or community organising.

- **Religious care:** supporting the spiritual and religious lives of disabled people of all faiths. Working 1-1 to design spiritual care plans, supporting people to observe their faith and attend their faith community, and leading corporate prayer and worship where it is appropriate to the setting.

It would suit any ministers, lay or ordained, but particularly those with an interest in disability theology and those who have a breadth of spiritual practice they can share.

- **Community connections:** enabling disabled people to live a full life in their community. Whether it's finding volunteering opportunities, clubs and activity

groups, or suitable job vacancies, this chaplain will get to know the skills and passions of people in their service and look out for ways they can connect locally.

It would particularly suit anyone who knows their community well, can spot potential connections and is good at making introductions.

If you're not well located for any of these on-site roles, but would still like to contribute, please get in touch. Subject experts in any of these fields would be welcome to provide input to our learning communities. There are occasionally ministry roles that could be done remotely.

Learning communities

In the spirit of asset-based development, and in recognition that many chaplaincy volunteers are bringing a wealth of experience from different backgrounds, we'll be meeting together regularly to share good practice. Chaplains will be invited to speak on topics relevant to the work, we'll work co-productively to design the resources we need, pass on our skills and invest in volunteers who are new to the work.

Please get in touch, or get in touch again!

A handful of people have already expressed interest since summer 2020, and we'll be following up with them in the coming weeks. If this is you and you haven't heard back recently please get in touch again. Thanks for your patience and enthusiasm!

Covid safety

All roles will be fully risk assessed, and you will receive training on how to conduct yourself safely including wearing PPE appropriately. It's a requirement that all volunteers in care settings are fully vaccinated against coronavirus.

How to apply

Please visit <https://www.livability.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer-with-us/> for full details on how to apply, or email volunteering@livability.org.uk.