

# Peer Mentoring and Volunteering

Hope

Patience

Creativity

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Lived  
Experience

Self-  
Confidence

Further  
Training

## What is Peer Mentoring and Volunteering?

Peer mentoring is where someone with personal experience helps or guides someone with similar experience. Volunteers can give their time to support our service and service users.

## What do peer mentors & volunteers do?

Volunteers support our teams and service users across West Yorkshire in a variety of roles utilising your strengths. Peer mentors work closely with service users who have entered the criminal justice system and are supported to access and engage in relevant support? Using your own knowledge and lived experience of local services and recovery options to build up supportive relationships and with service users by demonstrating visible recovery and instilling hope.

## What do I need to become a volunteer?

To become a volunteer with Liaison & Diversion you must have: Lived experience of having been through the criminal justice system yourself.

- Previous experience of volunteering Other types of lived experience, for example:
- Homelessness
- Addiction
- Mental Health issues
- Physical Health issues
- Having served in the armed forces

## What are the benefits of volunteering?

- Improve your chances of paid employment
- Develop your team work skills
- Develop your people skills
- Gain better knowledge of the social care sector

# How do I Become a Volunteer

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- Email us or give us a call**
  - Read the role description we send you**
  - Complete an Expression of Interest Form**
  - Attend a recruitment event and induction**
  - Complete our accredited Level 2 training**
  - Become a qualified volunteer**
  - Begin a volunteer placement or gain support to explore alternative roles**
  - Receive further training, development and supervision**
  - Gain the opportunity to apply for paid roles such as a Peer Support Worker or external roles**

# About Liaison and Diversion

Liaison and Diversion can offer individuals with vulnerabilities who have been arrested, support to access the right services, to enable them to engage with services which could begin to address some of the underlying issues which may have impacted upon their offending behaviour.

The Liaison and Diversion service is a multi-agency team of skilled practitioners based in Courts and Police stations across West Yorkshire.

## Liaison and Diversion means:

**Liaison** - contacting services you may already be involved with and supporting you to access new services that may be able to help you.

**Diversion** - preventing you from getting into further trouble with the Police and stop offending.

Our team will ensure that everyone is treated fairly and no one is discriminated against on the basis of their ethnicity, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation and religion or belief.

