

A guide to

Volunteering

with the Hextol Foundation

THE
HEXTOL
FOUNDATION

FOR WORKING OPPORTUNITIES



Who are we?

The Hextol Foundation is a local charitable company that aims to improve the lives of people with disabilities or other disadvantages by creating opportunities to work and by giving job-based training and support.

We offer people with learning disabilities or with mental health issues free opportunities to gain work experience, to develop job skills and, most importantly, to improve their confidence and self-worth by contributing positively to society.

With our help they learn to perform regular jobs in our operating businesses and we coach them to develop job specific and general employability skills.

What volunteering opportunities are there?

We are looking for volunteers to help support those Trainees and to deliver our services in all of our businesses: in catering, gardening, decorating, warehousing and in packing and distribution.

All these positions are in Hexham – at our base in Gilesgate, at the Hextol Tans café in St Mary's Chare or travelling out to the homes, offices or schools who purchase our services in the town or surrounding area.



What do I need to volunteer?

The most important thing is **commitment**. We would want you to support one or more of our three hour shifts a week. We quite understand there are some weeks when you'll be unable to come; but we would want you to be coming along on a regular basis.

Other skills which help you support our teams well are good **communication**; good **interpersonal** and good **customer service** skills; and the ability to work with others in what is often a busy environment.

How will being a volunteer help me?

You won't get paid for your role but you will get your lunch and refreshments with us.

Helping our teams and being part of our supportive and busy community can help to build up your own confidence, work experience and skills. There is great reward in seeing others thrive, develop and enjoy themselves.

Most of all, you will be joining our friendly, supportive team and will become a valued partner in our local success story.



For more information

Come and see us at the Hextol Foundation base at 14c Gilesgate in Hexham.

Our Resourcing Manager, Cherie Sutherland, can give you more information about the areas where we most need help, talk to you about what you'd like to do and guide you into a volunteering role with us.

To contact Cherie

call: 01434 605253

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You can download an application form for volunteering from our website at www.hextol.org.uk



If you want to make a change in 2017 – come and make it with us and help others develop at the same time!

