



Volunteering Opportunities with the Hextol Foundation

Who are we?

The Hextol Foundation is a charity based in Hexham that aims to improve the lives of people with learning needs and poor mental health by providing working opportunities through job based training and support. We offer the opportunity to gain work experience, to develop skills that can be taken into a work environment and most importantly to improve confidence and self-esteem by contributing positively to society. With help from our supervisors and volunteers, our trainees have the chance to carry out jobs in our various businesses, and are coached to develop job specific and general employability skills.

Have a look through this leaflet to get an idea of the services we provide and how you could help us!



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Our Hextol Tans restaurant in St Mary's Chare, Hexham, prepares and serves vegetarian and vegan meals as well as homemade scones, gluten free cakes and other sweet treats. Open six days a week from 10am-4pm our trainees learn skills needed to serve customers, wait tables and help in the kitchen.

This role would involve supporting the supervisor with making drinks, clearing tables, helping with the dishwasher, supporting the trainees through these tasks and helping the front of house to run smoothly.

Another opportunity for volunteering at the Tans is providing kitchen cover for the lunchtime period. So if you feel you would like to experience a working kitchen and would like to help support the supervisor preparing lunch orders, as well as supporting trainees to make cakes, prepare soups and other meals, and can cope with a busy and sometimes warm kitchen then we would love to meet you. Some cookery skills are desirable for the kitchen role but are not essential. Training will be given.

Our Hextol Gardening team works in and around Hexham and the Tyne valley for private and commercial customers carrying out a range of gardening tasks, enabling our trainees to learn a range of skills from machinery handling to plant identification and basic horticulture. A great way to get fresh air and exercise, our gardening team can really help with mental wellbeing and a sense of achievement. Part of a team, you would be helping to support our trainees where necessary as well as working closely with particular trainees when needed. So if you are interested in a role helping our team to maintain customers' gardens through tasks such as pruning, mowing, strimming, weeding and leaf collecting then we would love to meet you.

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Our PropertyWorks Business not only specialises in handyman services for customers in and around Hexham but also runs our warehouse where our trainees learn how to pack and distribute various items for customers. They're currently looking for volunteers to help in both the handyman and the warehouse side. So if you have;

An interest in warehouse work, the ability to lift up to 12kg and good communication skills

or

if you have good DIY skills, and a willingness to pass those skills on to others who are keen to learn.

Then we would love to meet you. Our warehouse shifts currently run on a Tuesday and a Thursday afternoon for 3 hours . Our PropertyWorks shifts are currently on Friday mornings for 3-4 hours. So if you feel you can offer us your time on any of these days then we would love to hear from you.

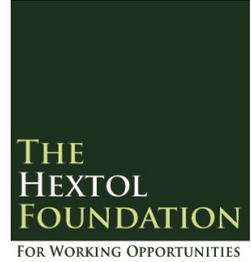
Greenbox is where it all began for Hextol!

Our pack and post operation provides a service to businesses who are sending mailshots, brochures and the like to customers and contacts. The role will involve guiding the team in the job in hand and ensuring quality is maintained. The skills required are good communication, patience, organisation and a willingness to help our trainees. The rewards for you are that you will be assisting a group of individuals who would find it difficult to secure work elsewhere to improve their confidence, skills and self esteem. These are lovely groups to work with and you will get a lot out of this role.

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For more information



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

Please contact Cherie, our Resourcing Manager, or our Chief Executive, Bruce, to give you more information on what opportunities are currently available.

To contact Cherie or Bruce

call: 01434 605253

or email: contact@hextol.org.uk



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

If you want to make a change this year—come and make it with us and help others develop at the same time! We look forward to meeting you!

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