



Volunteer Role Description

Role	Friendship and Conversation Volunteer (Dari/Farsi speaker)
Purpose	To support running activities for New Scots with Dari-to-English and English-to-Dari interpreting. To offer New Scots an opportunity to connect with others, spend time in meaningful way, get to know Edinburgh, learn new things, and practise English.
Specific Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet and greet participants as they arrive • Support the lead facilitator to engage participants and make them feel comfortable and confident to speak in English • Offer 1:1 and small group conversation practice with participants • Support participants through Dari interpretation/ translation if required • Attend and contribute to debriefs after each session to identify concerns, successes and areas for development for session delivery • Contribute to planning sessions and suggesting themes according to the needs and interests of participants
Skills and Qualities	Knowledge of Farsi/Dari languages is essential. Commitment to inclusive working, interest in supporting others, good listening and interpersonal skills, patience, reliability and flexibility, respect for other cultures, interest in developing your skills and reflecting on experiences.
Support and Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer Induction Training • Introduction to the friendship groups by Friendship Group Facilitator • Introduction to tasks related to the role • The Welcoming Friendship Group Facilitator can be contacted to discuss any support needs or queries. • Volunteer review meeting
Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report any issues in a timely and appropriate manner to the Friendship Group Facilitator • Respond to communication with the Friendship Group Facilitator regarding attendance

Commitment	We ask you to commit twice a month to an in-person Wednesday morning (10 am – 12 pm friendship group and to attend a 15 minute debrief after each session with staff and other volunteers).
Location	In-person, venue in Stockbridge (location may change in time)
PVG (police) check	PVG requirement to be confirmed. Volunteers can start without a check as staff are present, we may ask you to undertake one for the role.
Supervisor & contact details	Gosia Kowalewska, Friendship Group Facilitator gosia@thewelcoming.org
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