



Connections Volunteer Role

About ABC

Aid Box Community exists for the relief of poverty and financial hardship of refugees and asylum seekers in the UK by providing free and essential living items. We operate out of a warm and welcoming hub, where people are free to come and 'shop', have a cup of tea and a chat. From here, we also promote the integration of refugees and asylum seekers through the signposting of partner services for appropriate.

Our vision is a world where every refugee and asylum seeker are given the opportunity to start a new life.

Our mission is to uphold the basic rights of refugees and asylum seekers by providing practical aid, support, and direction and, by doing so, making their daily lives a little easier.

Our Values: Aid Box Community welcomes displaced people with open arms into the ABC family. Together, we will provide choice, love, hope, advocacy, and a space where everyone belongs, and everyone is important.

Aid Box Community currently works with more than 600 refugees and asylum seekers living in and around Bristol.

Connections Volunteer Role:

ABCs Connections program is a 10 week program where we connect a volunteer with a refugee or person seeking asylum in Bristol for friendship and signposting support. Initially the connection will be over the telephone.

The aim of the connections program is to alleviate isolation and develop friendships that will last beyond the program for people who have been displaced and are now settling in Bristol.

We are looking for individuals who are passionate about supporting refugees with time to spare, who are friendly, empathic, like to chat and listen over the phone and in person. We are looking for individuals who have space in their lives for a new friend.

♥♥ We are particularly keen to welcome volunteers from diverse backgrounds and with additional languages.

Key Commitments

To be part of our program, it is **ESSENTIAL** that you are able to commit to:

- ABCs Connections program for a minimum of **10 weeks** from the time of connection – Usually October/February/May
- Contacting your friend a minimum of twice a week via phone, what's app or video call for a chat, to build a friendship and signpost to support services where necessary.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report Forms - Completing a short online report form weekly or more as required. - Supervision sessions - Attending weekly ZOOM supervision sessions on Wednesdays 10am OR 6.30pm (Supervision support sessions will be weekly for the first 4 weeks and alternate weeks thereafter)
Training	<p>ABC will provide the following training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to ABC and Connections - Asylum in the UK - Safeguarding and Boundaries - Trauma Awareness - Mental Health First Aid - Cultural Awareness
Support you will receive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Weekly supervision sessions via zoom - Telephone support when needed
To Apply	<p>Complete our online application form here: https://forms.office.com/r/qLXbd2cPmP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applicants must be Bristol based and over 18 years old. - We welcome and encourage volunteers from diverse backgrounds and with additional languages. <p>We will be in touch in due course to arrange an interview.</p>
Successful applicant requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We will require you to complete a <i>BASIC ONLINE DBS</i> check. This will be at a cost to you of £18. Please let us know in your application if you would find this fee difficult to pay. - 2 references, 1 professional and 1 character reference. - Completed Volunteer Agreement - All volunteers must complete ABCs Training Program (as above)
<p>For further information: Please visit our website at www.aidboxcommunity.co.uk or email naomi@aidboxcommunity.co.uk</p>	