

**Thornbury Aphasia Group- Volunteer - Role Description**

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| **Role Title:** | **Thornbury Aphasia Group - Volunteer** |
| **Responsible to:** | Thornbury Aphasia Group - Volunteer Facilitator / Speech and Language Therapist |
| **Time commitment:** | Tuesdays 10.15 – 12.15 – bi-weekly – depending on your availability this could move to weekly.  |
| **Location:** | The Chantry Community and Arts Centre52 Castle StreetThornburyBristolBS35 1HB |
| **Why we need your help:**Bristol After Stroke is going to facilitate an existing peer-led communication group in South Gloucestershire for people with “aphasia” (communication difficulties after a stroke). The Aphasia Group provides an environment for people with aphasia to practice conversation skills and share communication skills and tips. The established group – which consists of around 8 people currently need a volunteer to support the sessions and create an encouraging supportive environment.  |
| **Role Summary:** | * To support the Volunteer Facilitator to run a group for people with Aphasia.
* Support people with varying levels of aphasia in a group setting.
* Encourage all group members to take part in conversations, using a range of communication methods.
* Support activities in the group setting by using visual resources to be used at the group.
* Promote a supportive atmosphere that contributes to a sense of wellbeing for all group members.
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| **Skills and Experience:** | * Excellent communication skills, including excellent listening skills.
* Good Interpersonal skills.
* Be patient, understanding and have a responsible attitude.
* Know about or be willing to learn about communication difficulties.
* Know about or be willing to learn about stroke and its impact on people.
* Be comfortable working as part of a team.
* Recognise the importance of confidentiality and show this in practice.
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**What we can offer you:**

* An induction, support and supervision in the role.
* Training on how to support communication for people with aphasia.
* You will be supported in your role by the Volunteer Facilitator and a Speech and Language Therapist as well as other appropriate members of staff as needed.
* Bristol After Stroke Newsletters; keeping you up to date on charity news and other volunteer opportunities.
* You will have the opportunity to meet with other Bristol After Stroke volunteers at Volunteer Training and at our annual Volunteer Day.

**What we ask of you:**

* To obtain 2 references from people who are not related to you.
* To keep to all the charity’s policies, values and guidelines.
* To complete an induction and any necessary training for the role.
* You will be asked to complete an enhanced DBS disclosure form.
* We will ask you to do a safeguarding course.

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