**Volunteering Opportunities**

**Hastings area, September 2018**

**Here are a few volunteering opportunities that we are highlighting this month. Are you interested in any of them?**

**Hastings Safe Space**

Volunteers needed for Hastings Safe Space - This exciting volunteer role is well suited to enthusiastic, resilient people who enjoy working with young people and other vulnerable adults.

For details go to <https://do-it.org/organisations/hastings-safespace>

We will be having a volunteer recruitment open evening at His Place (opposite Hastings Works), Robertson Street, Hastings, TN34 1HT on Friday 28th September 2018 from 4-6pm. Come along for free hot drinks and cake to find out more about getting involved.  For more information contact Jo Palmer on 07939821301 or hastingssafespace@thensmc.com

**Xtrax Young Peoples Service**

Volunteers needed for Xtrax - This exciting volunteer role is suited to people who enjoy working with young people with a need to want to support them on a one to one basis or/and in group work.

For details go to  <https://do-it.org/organisations/xtrax-young-peoples-service>

We are supporting Hastings Safe Space during their volunteer recruitment open evening at His Place (opposite Hastings Works), Robertson Street, Hastings, TN34 1HT on Friday 28th September 2018 from 4-6pm.

Please do come along to find out further information. Hand written Applications for this position are accepted during this time.

Come along for free hot drinks and cake to find out more about getting involved.  For more information contact Jo Palmer on 01424 722524 or jo.palmer@xtrax.org

**PEOPLE IN PARTNERSHIP**

Are seeking Lead Strategic Volunteers who represent a variety of community groups from Rural Rother, Central Hastings & St Leonards, the Eastbourne and Wealden area.

The role of the Lead Strategic Volunteer will support client and Carer engagement across wider mental health provision, facilitating local network meetings and cascading key information to partners and commissioners. Alongside the People in Partnership Manager and Peer Specialist, the Lead Strategic Volunteer will work with people to improve their experience of care, and involve them in the design and delivery of services. If you are interested in becoming a Lead Strategic Volunteer then please contact Michelle: michelle.Trunchion@southdown.org Tel: 07772 613945 <https://www.southdown.org/mental-health-recovery/people-partnership-east-sussex>

**Victim Support Sussex**

Every day across England and Wales, Victim Support volunteers generously give their time to help people move beyond crime.  We are currently recruiting new volunteers to join our wonderful Hastings team.  We provide full training and reasonable expenses are paid.  If you would like to find out more, please do get in touch – we would love to hear from you!  Please contact Tim by email: Tim.Stolworthy@victimsupport.org.uk or call: 07909001627 or visit [victimsupport.org.uk](http://bit.ly/websitevs)

Volunteers for St Andrews, Fairlight

St Andrew’s is a friendly Church in Fairlight where visitors can climb their dramatic Tower with its 360 degree views as far as France, and look around the beautiful Church and historical graveyard.  They need more volunteers to help keep the Tower and Church open and available, and welcome applicants over 18 from the local community, including people who are currently without work, returning to work, working part-time, retired or studying.  To find out more, please call or email the church administrator on 01424  812799 or admin@fairlightandpett.com

<https://www.hastingsobserver.co.uk/news/church-is-one-of-high-points-of-1066-country-but-needs-support-1-8539906>

Fulfilling Lives

We are recruiting people with a lived experience of: •Homelessness •Offending Behaviour •Substance Misuse •Mental Health issues. To join our weekly Action Group in Hastings and use your experience to help improve local services for service users.

For more information please contact: Kim Kelly on Tel: 07795370395, Email: kim.kelly@bht.org.uk or Tamara Gardner on Tel: 07825425112, Email: tamara.gardner@bht.org.uk

Volunteering with Xtrax

Xtrax is an award winning charity, helping young people aged 16-24 years, overcome the challenges of life and flourish as young adults.  It’s never been a better time to volunteer with Xtrax – the roles are many and varied, from supporting young people at our drop-in centre, assisting with our many service programmes, to becoming a member of our board of trustees. Contact Jo on jopalmer.xtrax@hotmail.co.uk  or visit [www.xtrax.org](http://www.xtrax.org)

## Little Gate Farm Horticulture Volunteers

We are always looking for keen volunteers to give their time regularly to support our growing horticulture project at the farm. Experience not essential but a willingness and enthusiasm for horticulture & supporting our work trainees to develop their skills. For more info contact Tracy Smith on 01797 260125 or email: info@littlegate.org.uk

## Safeguarding Children Board – New ‘Lay Members’ Wanted

East Sussex Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) wants to recruit a new Lay Member to its Board. Further information can be found at our website: <http://www.eastsussexlscb.org.uk/about-us/lay-members/>

To request an application pack, or ask any questions, please telephone 01273 481544 or email lscbcontact@eastsussex.gov.uk . Closing date for applications is the 17 June 2018

## Alexandra Park Greenhouse Group

It is a great time to start gardening so why not volunteer with us at Alexandra Park Greenhouse Group - there is lots to do for all capabilities, open Saturday mornings 10.30am till 1pm. [www.greenhousealexpark.com](http://www.greenhousealexpark.com)

**East Sussex Hearing Resource Centre**

Hard of Hearing Group Facilitator voluntary vacancies in Hastings and Bexhill. The groups offer a friendly, relaxed environment where members can meet other deaf or hard of hearing people for a tea or coffee. The facilitator would set up the meeting space, ensure refreshments are available, meet and greet members, facilitate discussions, provide information, advice and support, and be involved with promoting the group within their local area. Please contact Glynwen Chetcuti: manager@eshrc.org.uk 01323 722505 / 07950 855580 [www.eshrc.org.uk](http://www.eshrc.org.uk/)

**If you have not spotted something that is suitable for you, contact Hastings Voluntary Action on 01424 44010 for more ideas - there are hundreds of things that you can do, that need from as little as an hour a month of your time.**

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