

Volunteer Role Description

Attitudes and Hate Crime Project: Awareness & Education Volunteer

Hours: Variable but 2-3 hours per week is typical

Location: Home based

Role Purpose:

Disabled people are sometimes subject to abuse, insults or physical violence because of their disability. BuDS' Fair4All Attitudes & Hate Crimes project confidentially supports victims of disability hate incidents, helps them to report incidents to the police if they wish to do, and works to educate and campaign about disability hate crime.

The Fair4All Attitudes & Hate Crimes project is intended to be led and staffed by BuDS volunteers with the support of a part-time paid Disability Hate Crime Officer. A team of volunteers will produce educational and awareness material, carry out campaigns and projects, give presentations and change minds about disability.

This role would ideally suit someone with experience of educational or awareness-raising campaigns, but this isn't essential.

Specific Responsibilities:

With strong support of the project manager, hate crime officer, and as part of the Attitudes and Hate Crime Project team:

- Become familiar with the issues around disability hate crime and victims of it (training provided)
- Work as part of the team to plan awareness-raising and educational campaigns and projects, produce materials including posters, videos, graphics and web articles, help with social media work, deliver presentations, etc. Team members will be able to choose tasks most appropriate to their skills, experience and availability.
- Attend the weekly Team Meeting and help deliver the project by accepting and working on tasks in your own time
- Ensure that BuDS procedures are followed

Person Specification

- Working knowledge of using MS Office & Teams (training provided)
- Ideally, some experience of relevant skills such as writing, researching, graphics, social media, public speaking, etc, although this is not essential
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and keep private information to themselves – this role may involve sensitive information
- Ability to work comfortably and effectively with a wide range of people
- Understanding and commitment to the Social Model of disability – see <https://buds.org.uk/the-social-model-of-disability/>

BuDS is an equal opportunity organisation and disabled people are particularly encouraged to apply for this voluntary role.

BuDS is committed to safeguarding all those with whom it works. This post will involve unsupervised work with potentially vulnerable adults and children, and/or their records, and so this post will be subject to an enhanced DBS check on appointment. This will be arranged and paid for by BuDS. Character and work references will also be taken up.