



KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS

Haringey Migrant Support Centre (HMSC) is a charity set up in 2012, staffed by volunteers and a small number of paid workers, to run a weekly service offering advice and support to migrants in Haringey and its neighboring boroughs.

Every 2 weeks, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, we run a drop-in community space for our visitors at St John Vianney Parish Centre. In the space we run activities to support visitors' wellbeing, help foster connections and build community knowledge amongst visitors at HMSC. Each session we cook and serve a hot shared meal with a meat and vegan options, served alongside rice, mixed vegetables and salad.

We are recruiting volunteers to support with the cooking of this meal for visitors, including helping with preparing food, cooking the meal, and cleaning up afterwards! You'll be supported by our Chef, who coordinates the team of kitchen volunteers. No previous experience needed – just a willingness to help out!

When? 📅

1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, from 9.30am to 3.30 pm.

Where?

In person at our community space at St John Vianney Parish Centre, 386 West Green, N15 3QL.

Tasks

- Preparing and cooking food under direction of Chef
- Serving hot meal to visitors
- Cleaning down the kitchen at the end of each session
- Attend a morning briefing at the start of each volunteering day
- Liaise with members of staff and advisers to provide the best possible support for visitors.

Commitment

- Need to be available to volunteer **every fortnight**, on the day and times mentioned in the role description. We understand that there might be circumstances where a volunteer can't attend (e.g., holidays, illness), please try to inform us in advance so that we can organise cover.
- Need a minimum commitment of **6 months** (training and experience is gradually built up 'on the job' and through peer support).
- Need to complete ongoing training provided by HMSC.

Requirements: personal qualities

- Able to follow instructions on food preparation, cooking and health and safety in kitchen
- Calm manner when volunteering in a fast-paced kitchen environment
- Ability to work with a diverse range of people from different backgrounds in a sensitive manner.
- Able to take initiative and be flexible to support the running of the kitchen and community space more widely.
- A desire to support migrants affected by the hostile environment, including people seeking to regularise their status.

Benefits

- Valuable experience at the frontline of a grassroots organization supporting migrants personal wellbeing, in a small friendly team.
- Ongoing additional training will be provided when possible.
- Professional reference after 4 months.
- Reimbursement of travel expenses and a free lunch provided.

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