



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.

Twice a month on a Thursday, we run a drop-in community space at our centre in Haringey. In the space we run activities to support visitors' wellbeing, help foster connections and build community knowledge amongst visitors at HMSC. Our fantastic volunteers cook a hot lunch and there are tea & coffee, games, reading, local information, etc. It is an opportunity for everyone to relax and share in a safe and welcoming environment.

We are recruiting volunteers to support the preparation and cooking of our community meal for visitors, including helping with preparing food, cooking the meal, washing up 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?

Twice a month on a Thursday, from 9.30am to 4.30pm.

Where?

In person at our centre in Haringey, N15.

Tasks

- Preparing and cooking food under direction of the chef
- Serving hot meal to visitors
- Closing down and cleaning 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 **twice a month** 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
- Able 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.
- Reliable and punctual.
- 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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