

## Support for your Volunteer Involving Organisations – spring 2020

The last three weeks have certainly been an interesting time. We like many other organisations are seeing increasing and new demands for the development and delivery of services, an influx and decline in the number of volunteers coming forward and being available and all of this set against a backdrop of unprecedented personal and organisational change.

If you are one of the North Yorkshire County's Community Support Organisations, key Volunteer Involving Organisations or a local community Covid-19 Action Group who has literally just been in existence for a few weeks, if you are looking for volunteers, some information and advice about setting up a group or some support with delivering and managing your services or anything in between we at Community First Yorkshire are here and would like to help.

In addition to our offering a range of advice and information about

- Funding and fundraising
- Governance
- Marketing and Social Media
- DBS training and safeguarding
- Business and finance management
- Free Employment advice

We are offering a revised volunteer support offer at this time. We can:

- Create or update a free organisational profile for you on Volunteering in North Yorkshire (VINY) our FREE online volunteer opportunity site. We will input your roles and promote details of your general and specific, long or short term volunteering opportunities across the North Yorkshire.
- Support recruitment of new short term volunteers with the special skills you need. We are already receiving requests from people furloughed from their current roles who have specialist skills and who want to make a difference through volunteering. Our Furloughed Campaign launching later this month in partnership with the Local Enterprise Partnership and North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) builds on links with other support organisations and networks within the public, private and business sectors.
- Support with developing sample policies and procedures and offer examples of Covid-19 volunteer role descriptions to adopt and adapt.
- Offer suggestions for how you might develop and revise volunteer policies to reflect the changing times.
- Provide links to further training and relevant information about safeguarding, volunteer management and undertaking Covid-19 related roles.
- Give support and advice about considerations for managing people who are volunteering from home.

All our support services are free. Services provided by 'Community Support and Volunteering North Yorkshire' are funded by North Yorkshire County Council and NHS North Yorkshire

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