**Volunteer Role Description**

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Sight Support West of England / Wiltshire Sight! We rely on the help and dedication of volunteers to support the wide range of services that we provide, and we recognise the huge contribution our volunteers make to the effectiveness of our organisation.

**Role Title:** Volunteer Driver

**Locations:** Bristol, BANES, South Glos., Swindon and Wiltshire

**Purpose:** Our aim is to ensure that people that people living with sight loss across the West of England can lead active and fulfilled lives. Our volunteer drivers provide a friendly, familiar face and help our clients get out and about in their community to attend events and social activities. If you are friendly, courteous & reliable then this is the opportunity for you.

**What you will be doing?**

* Driving clients from their home to activities and events and back
* Talking to / listening to the client being transported, making them feel comfortable in your company
* Ensuring that your vehicle is safe for purpose and insured to undertake client transportation
* Assisting passengers in and out of the vehicle where required
* Sighted guiding (training will be given)

**What skills and experience are needed?**

* Reliable and punctual
* Willingness to be self-motivated and confident to work on your own, using your own initiative (with background support from staff).
* Knowledge of safe and competent driving practice
* Ability to work with a diverse range of people
* Good communication skills
* Ability to maintain boundaries

**What will you gain from the role?**

* The knowledge that you are making a positive difference to the lives of people living with sight loss
* The chance to meet new people in your local area
* A greater understanding of sight loss
* Ongoing support from the Volunteer Coordinator

**What support will be given?**

* Induction
* Understanding Sight Loss Training
* Expenses
* Supervision and help from your Manager
* Additional Training as Appropriate

**When will you be needed?**

Times and dates will vary depending on the needs of the client

**How often will I be needed?**

Flexible depending on the needs of the client

**References and other checks**

* Two references required prior to starting in role
* You will be using your own car so will need to confirm that it has up-to-date Tax, MOT and Insurance that covers volunteer driving
* A full clean driving license for 3 years or more required

**Disclosure and Barring Service Information**

This role requires a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check