



## ana liffey drug project

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### **ROLE TITLE: ON-CALL ACCOMPANIMENT VOLUNTEER**

#### **PURPOSE**

Ana Liffey Drug Project often accompanies our clients to appointments (such as to the doctor, hospital or court). As an Accompaniment Volunteer you will provide our clients with a friendly ear and reassuring company during appointments. This role will involve a lot of driving around the Midlands region (in an ALDP car) with one of our staff members.

Responsibilities include:

- Accompany clients to appointments.
- Liaise with the Ana Liffey Drug Project office regarding details of the accompaniment.
- Provide a non-judgemental listening ear to clients throughout the accompaniment.
- Pass on relevant information to the Ana Liffey Drug Project team and give relevant feedback.

#### **WHERE**

Throughout the Midlands region (Counties Westmeath, Laois, Offaly and Longford).

#### **WHEN**

This position is scheduled on an 'on-call' basis. Some weeks may have a few hours of work on a variety of days, others may have none. The volunteer is always free to let us know if they have prior arrangements made, however we would aim to work with someone that has at least a 50/50 percentage of availability when called.

#### **DURATION**

Minimum 6 months.

Supervision is a valuable and necessary resource available to volunteers. There is internal supervision provide by a project worker/team leader on a regular basis throughout the placement. We encourage mutual feedback.

### **REQUIRED SKILLS OR QUALIFICATIONS**

- Must be at least 21 years of age.
- Preferable: over 25 and hold a valid driver's license.
- An interest in the area of addiction.
- An understanding of low threshold and harm reduction approaches.
- Must demonstrate poise, compassion and non-judgment toward clients.
- Strong social and interpersonal skills.
- Good communication skills.
- A willingness to learn.
- Garda clearance required (Ana Liffey Drug Project will process this).
- Experience in the area of addiction and/or homelessness is desirable but not essential.

### **WHY VOLUNTEER WITH THE ANA LIFFEY**

- Utilize and enhance your current skills and abilities.
- Training and learning in the area of addiction especially low threshold and harm reduction approaches.
- An opportunity to add to and develop skills.
- Social interaction with a vulnerable and marginalized group.
- To be part of a busy and dynamic team.

### **WHY WE NEED YOU**

- To enhance the work currently being done.
- As an extra resource to the team.
- An additional support for client group.

### **ORIENTATION AND TRAINING**

- Induction-as paid staff receive.
- Training- all training that is available to paid staff is also available to volunteers of ALDP.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Please go to our website to find the Volunteer Application form on our Volunteer page (<http://www.aldp.ie/about/volunteer>)

Please reference ONCALL ACCOMPANIMENT VOLUNTEER under the specific role you are interested in. There is also the opportunity to list other areas you may be interested in, if you are open to it.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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