

Cargo bike - volunteer Role Description

Role Title	Cargo bike volunteer				
Minimum Time Commitment	Every Tuesday - 9am to 11am - 3-6 months minimum commitment You will need to attend a 2-day training course.				
Location	Community Hub, The Renewal Programme, 395 High St. N. E12 6PG and cycling within Newham.				
About us	The Renewal Programme is a well-established and respected local charity based in the London Borough of Newham. We support those who are facing multiple challenges - they might be a migrant or refugee without access to public funds, a person suffering with homelessness, experiencing poverty, or unable to communicate in English. We empower people to reach their full potential through offering advocacy, education, temporary accommodation and a wide range of positive activities. We support over 3000 people a year and have been working with Newham communities for over 50 years. Our vision Vibrant and integrated Newham communities where everyone has access to suitable jobs, homes, health and education. Our mission To stand alongside those who struggle by inspiring hope and offering opportunities for connection, growth and progress. Our values DIGNITY - Treating everyone with kindness and respect. INCLUSION - A community where everyone belongs. COLLABORATION - Working together to achieve more. EMPOWERMENT - Co-creating opportunities for positive change.				

The Role	This project aims to use cargo bikes as a sustainable and environmentally friendly way to collect and distribute surplus food. We will collect any surplus food that businesses in Newham may have and distribute this to our community pantry here at the Renewal Programme and to other foodbanks in the local area to help eradicate food poverty in Newham. We are aiming to get more culturally appropriate food in our pantry and foodbanks to ensure all members of the community can eat and cook with foods they are familiar with, and that they enjoy. Volunteer tasks include: - Cycle to local businesses to collect food and distribute to local foodbanks including the Renewal Programme. - Maintain good relationships with local partners including businesses and Food alliance members. - Follow food safety guidelines. - Follow road safety guidelines. - Work in partnership with members of staff and other volunteers to ensure information is circulated smoothly, ensuring the best service possible. We'll support and train you with the guidance you need to accomplish these tasks, giving you a chance to develop your own confidence and skills.				
Skills &	Personal qualities most suited to the role:				
Experience	 Confident cyclist. Good knowledge of the highway code. Good physical strength. Be able to manage own time and work without direct supervision. Have the initiative to ask for help when required. Good problem-solving skills. Reliable and good timekeeper. Flexible approach. This is a pilot project so the volunteer will be expected to keep an open mind as the project evolves. 				
Benefits, Training and Support	 What will The Renewal Programme provide? Information and training sessions on all aspects of the role. Support, advice and guidance, from the Volunteer Coordinator and project coordinator. Join a growing volunteer community. We will pay any agreed out of pocket expenses. 				
Essential	 Must be 18+ You will need to complete training You will be asked to complete a Basic DBS check 				
Report to:	Project lead/Volunteer Project Manager				