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Kitchen Volunteer

Genesis Centre, Hill Street, Poole

About the role

We would love you to come and join one of our brilliant Kitchen Teams providing homeless and vulnerably housed people with a free lunchtime meal.

Using surplus food provided to us, you will help us prepare, cook, serve and clean. The role will require you to be creative (as we are not always sure what ingredients we will have) and work closely with your team to ensure that the food is delivered on time and in line with all health and hygiene requirements.

Whilst you do not need to have previous kitchen experience you will need to have compassion for our client group and a desire to have a positive impact on someone's day. Most important of all is a willingness to roll up your sleeves and 'chip' in!

About Routes to Roots

Routes to Roots is a Poole charity with a Christian ethos providing a personalised service to rough sleepers and vulnerably housed adults. We provide basic necessities, such as hot food, clothing and sleeping bags as well as access to key administrative services such as internet access and a postal address. We provide a venue for our partner services to work with clients on a one-to-one basis. We also organise motivational activities and assist those who are placed in accommodation to remain in their tenancy.

What will you gain from volunteering at Routes to Roots

Cooking Skills: You will learn to cater for a number of people at a time.

Teamwork: You will be an integral part of a team working towards one outcome.

Ability to get creative: You will have to create recipes with ingredients at very short notice.

Role satisfaction: You will get to see the benefits of your hard work and know you have made a difference.

A sense of purpose and structure: It will give you an opportunity to fill your time constructively and make a difference.

What you can expect from Routes to Roots

We will provide you with an appropriate induction and ongoing support. We will ensure a safe and fun volunteering environment. We will provide you with a written reference if required. We will provide employability skills training if you require.

What Routes to Roots require from you

A commitment of 3 hours a week if possible (But we can be flexible!)

Compliance with all policy and procedures as well as our volunteer agreement.

A positive approach to our work and proactively seek to improve our community.