

Volunteer Task Description and Person Specification

Nightshelter Volunteer

Introduction

The Lorica Trust (formerly the St Patrick's Trust and prior to that the St Patrick's (Hove) Community Centre) was established when Father Alan Sharpe let two people, homeless and hungry, spend the night in the church one cold winter's night in 1985, and unknowingly set out on the work of a lifetime for himself and his family.

Having provided over 250,000 bed spaces since opening in 1985, Lorica St Patrick's continues to offer support for the homeless through its 14-bed Nightshelter, 29-bed Hostel and move-on accommodation in the community.

Task Description – Nightshelter Volunteer

- 1) Assist the staff at reception; this involves answering phones and completing admissions forms
- 2) Help prepare and serve the evening meal and clearing up afterwards
- 3) Spending time chatting with residents, being a 'listening ear'
- 4) Playing cards or a game of chess/draughts with residents

Person Specification

- Flexible, patient, understanding and supportive of vulnerable, homeless people
- Some understanding of the challenges facing homeless people would be an advantage

Hours Required

- 5/5.30pm to 9.30pm (can be flexible)
- days to suit volunteers availability

Training

- Induction Programme, to include; understanding boundaries and relationships, homelessness, alcohol and drug misuse, mental health, basic first aid

Responsible To

- Project Worker Team Manager

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