

VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTIONS

MIGRATION BUDDY VOLUNTEER

Role Overview

To act as a link for individuals to access relevant services and amenities in local communities. Supporting the work of the Irish Red Cross Migration programme to help integrate people in Ireland.

Location

Within service district of local Branch.

Eligibility for appointment

Age 18+
Current Membership.
Current Garda Vetting.
Current Safeguarding.

Time commitment

Two hours a month.*

Term of post

12 months.

Mode of appointment

Apply to Irish Red Cross Head Office. Volunteer then assigned to local Irish Red Cross Branch.

Skills required

Good communicator.
Empathy and consideration for others.
Good listening skills.
Good local knowledge.
Interest in people and other cultures.

Training & induction

Service induction provided and senior volunteer will accompany new volunteer on first meeting with migrant. Training available in psychological first aid and cultural awareness.

Key tasks

To conduct themselves in a manner which is in line with all current Irish Red Cross policies and procedures.
To give information on 'informal Ireland'.
To provide orientation on local amenities and act as a link to local community and sporting groups.
To introduce and if required accompany individuals to their local Irish Red Cross Branch.
To highlight and promote participation in Irish Red Cross programmes.
To support integration into the local community.
If necessary escalate concerns raised or observed to the Migration Programme Volunteer Support Officer.
Apply the seven fundamental principles to your actions on behalf of the Irish Red Cross.

Support

First point of contact is Volunteer Migration Coordinator. National Support available by contacting Irish Red Cross Head Office

*Time commitment is based on role of Migration Buddy Volunteer only, it excludes training and meetings time.