



Volunteer/ Member Role Description

Role: Home Visitation Member

Purpose & impact of the Role

- To provide direct support to those who request assistance from the Society. Visit people in their homes with another SVP member to offer support, guidance, and friendship.
- The support provided by Members/Volunteers can be extremely heartening for people who are struggling and can offer hope to them and their families.

Desirable characteristics

1. Kindness towards people requesting help and your SVP colleagues
2. Compassion and empathy for people in difficult circumstances
3. Discretion and mindful of confidentiality
4. Respectful and non-judgmental towards people requesting assistance
5. Resilience to continue assisting people, even if progress seems slow

Key Tasks and Responsibilities

1. Attend regular Conference meetings, usually weekly.
2. To complete weekly/fortnightly home visits in pairs. When visits are not possible, provide support via the telephone.
3. To build positive relationships with the people we assist and focus on empowering the person(s) we assist.
4. To try to understand the needs of the people we assist and where possible, develop a plan of support in conjunction with the Conference.
5. As a group make informed decisions on requests for assistance received.
6. Uphold policies and procedures of SVP, including SVP Safeguarding Policy and Procedures.

Time Commitment: 3-5 hours weekly.

Available Support:

- The Conference President will provide direct support to you and other members of the Conference will also provide support on an on-going basis.
- There is a confidential 'Members Assistance Programme' if members wish to discuss any issues with a third party.

Location: Conferences are located throughout Ireland where a need has been identified and you will be assigned to a Conference suitable for you.

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