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Fostering meaningful resident-volunteer relationships in elder care homes



Our Purpose

Whether you are five years old or ninety-five, meaningful relationships provide the basis for healthy social wellbeing. Volunteers provide much needed comfort and companionship for care home residents who might otherwise feel lonely and bored. On average 61% of residents in aged care say they feel persistently lonely. Elder Care Volunteers is a registered charity founded to connect volunteers and care homes.

Our Volunteers

The focus of Elder Care Volunteers is on companionship: spending time with residents to form meaningful relationships. Volunteers offer a listening ear, company while doing activities and a warm, friendly face each time they visit. We look for volunteers who have initiative, are willing to make a commitment, and (most importantly) have kind hearts.

Our Priorities



Care Homes

We support care homes to connect with volunteers in the community and develop volunteer programmes.



Residents

We connect volunteers with care home residents and support the formation of meaningful friendships.



Volunteers

We offer training and mentorship for volunteers so they feel confident and supported in their role.

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Volunteer Activities

Our volunteers spend time in care homes chatting, playing games, and offering company to residents. Most of our volunteers spend one hour per week at the care home, depending on their schedules. Volunteers may also accompany residents on outings or to appointments.

Benefits of Volunteers

Volunteers help to improve resident wellbeing, communicate resident needs, relieve family stress, capture resident skills and stories, and support staff. Volunteers spend time with residents one-on-one to make them feel valued and listened to. Additionally, volunteers can engage with residents in their native languages to ensure that all residents have their needs met.

FAQs



Can a volunteer visit my loved one?

We are happy to organise a volunteer to visit your loved one in a care facility. Please contact us for further details or [refer a resident here](#).



When was this organisation established?

Elder Care Volunteers was initiated in 2015 and registered as a charitable organisation in 2016. So far we have integrated 500+ volunteers into 17 care homes to help more than 1000 residents.



Can I donate?

Yes! Donations are vital to support operational costs of our programme and we are happy to provide a receipt. If you would like to donate, you can do so using our bank account number: 38-9019-0887431-00

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