



# Arts & Crafts Volunteer



St Gemma's Hospice Outpatients provide extra support to patients and their families if the patient chooses to remain at home during their illness. Service users can enjoy the friendly and therapeutic environment, access creative therapy activities, wellbeing, emotional support, appointments with specialist doctors and therapists.

Organisation Overview	St Gemma's Hospice is one of the largest hospices in the UK. The Hospice provides expert palliative and end of life care for thousands of people in Leeds each year across our community, in-patient and day services. It is a prominent and respected charity at the heart of the local community.
Location of Position	St Gemma's Hospice, 329 Harrogate Road, Moortown, Leeds, LS17 6QD
Time commitments	1-2 hours on a week day afternoon
Description of the tasks	<p>Working in small groups or on a one to one basis the role involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting patients and carers to get involved in craft and art activities, including 'Making Memories' e.g. memory boxes.</li> <li>• Development of activities to enable our patients to carry out the tasks, these could be one off or over a number of weeks.</li> <li>• Setting up and clearing away materials and equipment.</li> <li>• Ensuring the welfare and safety of patients, carers, staff and volunteers within the Hospice whilst involved in creative activities.</li> <li>• Completing the required documentation.</li> <li>• Assisting the wider multidisciplinary team as required on creative projects.</li> </ul>
Skills and Qualification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Background experience which may encompass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Painting, drawing, sketching</li> <li>– Craft work</li> <li>– Sewing &amp; textile skills</li> <li>– Experience of working with digital media (e.g. recording &amp; editing audio/visual files)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ability to adapt your own creative skills and ideas</li> <li>• Confident Communicator</li> </ul>

St Gemma's Values & Behaviours	St Gemma's has a set of values and behaviours to improve the experience for our patients, staff & volunteers. This means that in undertaking this role you are expected at all times to behave in a way that demonstrates commitment to the delivery of thoughtful care to all and continual improvement in line with the values of <b>Caring, Aspiring &amp; Professional</b> .
Training and Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteers will be provided with a comprehensive training booklet which will be used during the induction process</li> <li>• All volunteers are offered our Hospice induction program (currently via zoom)</li> <li>• Quarterly facilitated peer support sessions</li> <li>• Regular training updates in-line with the development of the role</li> <li>• Regular volunteer events to share ideas and socialise with volunteers and staff.</li> <li>• Activities are supported by Hospice staff during the sessions.</li> </ul>
Reimbursement of expenses	If you volunteer for four hours or more in one day, then we can offer expenses for lunch or travel, up to agreed maximum levels
Benefits to the volunteer	<p>By volunteering with St Gemma's Hospice you will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be part of a supportive, social environment</li> <li>• Meet friends and get to know people from the local community</li> <li>• Support a local charity</li> <li>• Share your skills or develop new ones</li> <li>• Training support in line with your volunteer role.</li> <li>• Be invited to join our volunteer thank you events and hear about how your volunteering time supports the Hospice</li> </ul>
Application procedure	Please click apply now to complete an application. If you require assistance to fill in your application form please contact the Volunteers Co-coordinator <a href="mailto:charlotte.hagerty@st-gemma.co.uk">charlotte.hagerty@st-gemma.co.uk</a> or call 0113 2185193. A DBS check will be required for this post.
Contact information	If you would like further information on this opportunity please contact Shona Eyre on 0113 218 5294 or email <a href="mailto:shona.eyre@st-gemma.co.uk">shona.eyre@st-gemma.co.uk</a>