

Day Centre Volunteer

JRS mission and work

The Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) is an international Catholic organisation, at work in 50 countries with a mission to accompany, serve and advocate on behalf of refugees and other forcibly displaced persons. JRS in the UK has a special ministry to those who find themselves destitute as a consequence of government policies and those detained for the administration of immigration procedures. JRS UK runs a Day Centre, activities and hosting scheme (At Home) for destitute asylum seekers, detention outreach services to Heathrow IRC and has recently begun a legal advice service. We work to raise awareness of the situation facing refugees we accompany and serve by enabling their story to be heard.

Volunteer Role: Day Centre Volunteer

JRS UK is looking for a volunteer to help at our weekly Day Centre and join our small, diverse and tightly knit team in Wapping. Every Thursday, JRS UK run a Day Centre where we welcome destitute refugees into a warm and friendly environment. We support and accompany around 240 refugees at our Day Centre each month, by providing them with meals, monthly toiletries, and travel grants. Our Day Centre volunteers help in a number of ways throughout the day and ensure that our refugee friends are greeted with a friendly face and a listening ear. Duties range from assisting in the kitchen to distributing toiletry packs and essential travel grants.

Responsibilities & Tasks

- Befriending and accompanying our refugee friends
- Helping in the kitchen (serve food, wash dishes, other tasks)
- Welcoming our refugee friends to the centre
- Distributing toiletry packs or travel grants to refugees
- Supporting with office tasks or other needs on the day
- Attending weekly briefing meetings with other volunteers and staff (Thursday mornings and afternoons within Day Centre hours)

Person specification

- Sympathy with the values of JRS
- Enthusiasm for our mission of accompaniment, service and advocacy on behalf of refugees
- Commitment to supporting refugees and forced migrants
- Friendly, polite and patient
- Good communication skills required to work alongside staff, volunteers and refugee friends
- Experience in working with people from various backgrounds and faiths
- Adaptability to switch between different tasks as required
- Very good attention to detail to ensure that tasks are completed satisfactorily

Hours:

Thursdays 9.30am - 4pm

Duration:

A minimum of 3 months.

Where to find us:

Jesuit Refugee Service UK
Hurtado Jesuit Centre
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Contact us if you are interested in the role or apply online:

Email us: uk@jrs.net

Call us: 020 7488 7310

Volunteer Webpage: <https://www.jrsuk.net/volunteer/>

Find out more about JRS UK

Website: www.jrsuk.net