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VOLUNTEERING with PETAL

WHO CAN VOLUNTEER?

Our only restriction is that it is not too soon after the death of someone close to you.

Otherwise there are **no barriers** as to age, religion, ethnicity, or disability. You do not have to have any qualifications, non-academic training is given.

We prefer persons who have an interest in and can get on with people; persons who have had experience in life, whether good or bad.

WHAT KIND OF VOLUNTARY WORK CAN I DO?

You can choose what suits you and your situation.

Volunteers can help by assisting in fundraising events and arranging and participating in social events. Following relevant training, volunteers can provide **direct help** of those affected by trauma. This can include telephone support.

WHAT KIND OF HELP WOULD I GET?

PETAL provides TRAINING based mainly on two areas,

Psychotherapeutic Interventions and **PETAL**'s In-House Training.

Within the training we focus on the full legal process involved with murder, culpable homicide and suicide.

This forms part of our induction programme for both new volunteers and paid workers.

The training is continuously updated in response to changes in legislation and criminal justice process.

Where applicable to the work being carried out by Volunteers we will provide a range of other training programmes.

On completion of training and course work volunteers will work with experienced volunteers and staff.

SO HOW CAN I IMPROVE MY PROSPECTS?

Petal provides a friendly and sociable atmosphere where volunteers can work but also enjoy themselves and feel fulfilled.

For those who want to progress in helping others, we have courses whereby volunteers can move into management, training, fundraising or therapeutic support.

Subject to the availability of Funding we will also consider providing some financial support for counselling skills training or other relevant courses to those volunteers who want to develop their skills, whatever their interests.

We provide job references, where relevant.

HOW LONG DO I HAVE TO VOLUNTEER?

PETAL is extremely grateful for the contribution made by volunteers

PETAL provides a major commitment to volunteers with training, supervision and support and we are grateful that the majority of those that complete the training and course work continue to provide voluntary work for approximately two years.

We are aware that volunteers have their own lives and that their personal circumstances may change, and we take account of and accept such changes. Volunteers are supported and receive Supervision in their work. Volunteers are not employees; they are members of **PETAL** and all have equal rights to express ideas, suggest changes or take an active role in the organisation.

We depend on recruiting new volunteers, to complement the volunteer support workforce. They are an integral part of the group and are essential to the future development of **PETAL**.

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