



Sewing Table - Volunteer

BRR facilitates a weekly sewing table at our Welcome Centre. The aim of the sewing table is to provide a place for members to learn and practise sewing skills, to be a warm and friendly space where members can build connections and allow members to use their creativity to make and fix items.

We are looking for someone with experience with textiles and who is confident with sewing machines. Who is interested in the role sewing and textiles can provide in developing community and supporting wellbeing. Who has ideas about what projects our sewing table could work on to develop member's skills and engage members with sewing and creativity.

We are looking for someone who:

- is friendly and welcoming
- has good communication skills especially with people whose first language is not English – knowledge of a second language spoken by members in our community would be beneficial
- is willing to help out with a range of tasks as well as welcoming people
- understands the importance of boundaries and is able to work within BRR's boundaries and safeguarding policies
- has experience working with textiles and is confident in setting up sewing machines and supporting others to use them (and troubleshooting issues with them)
- is interested in developing mini-projects involving textiles to engage members

Volunteers need to be:

- Available Thursday 9:30am to 2:00pm.
- Able to make 6 months' commitment to the role
- Able to attend the Compulsory induction training on **Wednesday 22nd April 2026 or Thursday 23rd April 2026 from 9.30am - 2.30pm**
- Committed to attending ongoing role specific training and occasional meetings

Volunteers will get from this role:

- To play a key part in a vibrant and supportive community
- Work with Asylum Seekers and Refugees
- Knowledge of other services that exist to support asylum seekers and refugees in Bristol
- The opportunity to meet people from all over the world

What we provide:

- An induction and ongoing relevant training for your role.
- Regular volunteer meetings and supervision.
- References after six months of volunteering experience
- Expenses payments for costs incurred whilst volunteering

Many of our members are in extremely vulnerable situations because of their immigration status, trauma and other factors. Because of this we must take a cautionary approach to ensuring that the people working with them (both volunteers and staff members) are appropriate and safe. All volunteer roles at BRR are, therefore, subject to both references, and a DBS check.

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