

Are you looking to make new friends, fill some spare time or add something to your CV? If so, volunteering with Emmaus Leeds may be what you are looking for.

Please read the information below carefully before completing the application form.

You must be at least 18 years old to volunteer at Emmaus Leeds. There is no maximum age.

Our building on St Mary's Street accommodates up to 26 companions – formerly homeless men and women – who live in the community and work in the on-site business. This consists mainly of collecting and selling previously owned furniture and goods in the main shop and the stall in Leeds Kirkgate market. Companions work on the vans, on the market stall and on the shop floor. They are also responsible for keeping the building clean and preparing community meals. You'll find lots of further information on our website at <a href="https://www.emmaus.org.uk/leeds">www.emmaus.org.uk/leeds</a>.

Many of our volunteers spend their time in the sorting area, preparing items for sale and pricing them before displaying them in the shop. Some drive the vans, collection and delivering furniture within Leeds (Covid restrictions permitting) with a team of companions. These volunteers must be very fit as the work is physically demanding. Volunteers can also help by researching and listing items for sale on eBay or Depop, or answering the phones, booking collections and deliveries in the office. PAT and function testing is also available.

If you choose to volunteer, Emmaus will meet reasonable travel expenses from within Leeds, upon production of receipts, and you will be welcome to join the community for our mid-day meal. You will receive ongoing support and training throughout your volunteering, including a full induction, Health and Safety, Safeguarding, and Professional Boundaries training.

We generally ask volunteers to commit to at least one half-day session per week, but we are flexible. We would, however, ask that you can ensure you are able to commit to at least 3 months volunteering with us before you apply as bringing a new volunteer on board does take an investment of time and resources,

Kind regards,

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