



Volunteering Matters are people-led, and impact driven, we're a national charity that is deeply embedded in local areas across the UK operating in five regions: Every year we engage 20,000 volunteers and 85,000 beneficiaries through the 100 plus Projects and Programmes that we develop and deliver.

Volunteer Driver's Service provides a safe & reliable door-to-door transport service to support those in need to access vital medical appointments, shopping trips, as well as attending schools, colleges and courts, which aims to help people in maintaining their independence, reduce social isolation and improve health & well-being.

As a Volunteer Driver you will offer your time to transport a diverse client group using your own vehicle. Our client group includes registered older passengers who access the service via membership, and children/young people and families who are referred to the service by Milton Keynes council.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Heather Oddy E:mail heather.oddy@volunteeringmatters.org.uk telephone 07823413241.

Grandmentors is an inter-generational mentoring programme for young care leavers who may be in challenging circumstances. This award winning programme helps to transform the lives of vulnerable young people through the emotional and practical support of our older, world-wise volunteers. In Milton Keynes, Grandmentors is enabling young care leavers to gain agency and discover their capabilities, ensuring young people leaving care do so forever, and can play a positive role in building the Milton Keynes of the future.

Our trained volunteers, aged 50 and over, forge trusting and positive relationships that support, challenge and empower mentees to unlock their own skills and to shape their own futures. After completing training and background checks, our volunteers are matched with a young person who they would typically meet with for a couple of hours each week – either in person or virtually. The programme has impressive impact - 82% of the care leavers supported by Grandmentors are in education, employment or training after six months, compared to just 51% nationally.

If you are interested in volunteering as a Grandmentor, please contact Tabby Wilkes E:mail tabby.wilkes@volunteeringmatters.org.uk telephone 07377 692 340.

All volunteers receive supervisory support from project staff and will have the opportunity of attending an induction programme, some external training and refresher training for existing volunteers.

What volunteers can gain through Volunteering:-

Meeting new people

Joining in the community

Being part of a team

Awareness that your contribution is valued

Increased confidence

Helping to make change

Making new friends

Most importantly – Enjoyment