

## Celebrating Supportability at 70: Volunteer Role

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We are excited to begin the *Celebrating Supportability at 70* project, made possible by the Heritage Fund.

We've been supporting people in the local community with a range of disabilities since 1953 but our full story has not been formally researched, documented or shared before. The *Celebrating Supportability at 70* project will explore our heritage, while engaging children and adults with learning disabilities that are involved with Supportability today. To learn more about the project, visit our website ([Supportability at 70 - Supportability](#))

### What will I be doing?

Led by the project manager, the *Celebrating Supportability at 70* team of volunteers will have the opportunity to partake in the following activities...

- Highlighting key pieces of information for the 70-year timeline
- Assist in capturing oral histories from community members
- Aid the culmination of the heritage inspired exhibition
- Sort through 50-year-old photo slides that depict the charity's changing history
- Digitizing current archive documents
- Assisting the project manager in the planning of the heritage exhibition event

### Who are we looking for?

We can't create a Supportability archive without the help of the community.

We encourage volunteers with an array of backgrounds and interests, including individuals who...

- Have excellent organisational skills
- Have good written and verbal skills
- Have an interest in working for an organisation that supports individuals with learning disabilities

### Further Details

Volunteering will take place at Granville House (20 Parsonage Road, Stockport, SK4 4JZ) and we are asking volunteers to dedicate 8-12 hours a month to the project (days and hours are flexible)

The main aim of the project is preservation and celebration of all the amazing work done over seven decades. If this sounds like something you might be interested in, or if you have had any connections with Supportability throughout its lifetime, we would love to hear from you!

### Important things to note:

- Many of our volunteers use the experiences they gain to provide them with the knowledge and skills to move onto paid positions and/or college/university

courses or simply just to give back to their local community. **Supportability can provide references for future employment.**

- Supportability is committed to keeping the people we support safe and will stringently follow procedures to endorse this; safeguarding vulnerable people is a priority for all employees and volunteers. As a volunteer you will receive a brief introduction to the Charity, the opportunity to learn new skills, management and support from a trained member of staff, the ability to feedback about your experiences and a sense of achievement within your role.
- Our volunteer roles are unpaid however you may receive out of pocket and travel expenses. The role of a volunteer underpins Supportability's work in many areas. We strongly believe that the involvement of the local community is paramount in enhancing and supporting the aspirations of disabled people and their carers to enable them to lead full and rewarding lives.

References and DBS checks are completed for all volunteer applicants.