

**Volunteer Role Description**

# Title: Dog Sitter with SocialEYES

# Responsible to: Volunteer Coordinator/ SocialEYES Coordinator

# Expected Commitment: 11-12.30 every Wednesday

**Location:** Warners Leisure, 80-86 Pickering Road, Hull, HU4 6TE

**About Us:** Sight Support has been supporting local people with sight loss since 1864.For over 150 years, we’ve been helping people across Hull and East Yorkshire with visual impairments to live full, active and happy lives.

We want to create a world where sight loss is not a barrier in lifeand help to shape a society that is inclusive.

We’re here to help people adjust to living with sight loss, and give them the tools they need to live their life the way they want to.

# Primary Objectives:

# This new and exciting opportunity will allow you to spend quality time with some 4 legged friends whilst their owners enjoy working out. Although the guide dogs would love to join in the exercise, sadly the space does not allow and so you will be responsible for staying with the dogs and ensuring they are kept safe in their owner’s absence.

# Responsibilities:

* To ensure guide dogs are kept safe.
* To guide owners to and from area where dogs are being kept.

**Qualities and skills we are looking for:**

* A friendly, confident and approachable manner.
* Experience working with and handling dogs.
* To be reliable and have a genuine interest in the desire to make a difference to the lives of visually impaired people.
* An interest in meeting and chatting with people.

**Support provided to you:**

• Visual Impairment Awareness training will be provided and take place at Sight Support HEY.

• Other training as identified.

• Regular newsletters, updates and news from the Volunteer Coordinator at Sight Support HEY.

• Reimbursement of out of pocket expenses such as mileage or public transport costs (where pre-approved).

**We** **hope that by becoming a volunteer you:**

• Meet new and interesting people.

# • Learn new skills which could be helpful for future employment or

#  further learning.

# • Increase your own self confidence.

# • Enjoy a new challenge.

# Health & Safety:

# All volunteers will be expected to:

# • Ensure that they comply with Sight Support HEY’s Health & Safety policy at all times.

# • Take reasonable care for the Health & Safety of themselves and others whom may be affected by their acts or omissions whilst volunteering.

# Equality, Diversity and Rights:

# Sight Support Hull & East Yorkshire is committed to improving the quality of its services to all people, irrespective of race/ethnicity, disability, gender, religion or belief, age or sexual orientation. Our objective is to deliver high quality services that are accessible, responsive, and appropriate to meet the diverse needs of different groups and individuals. As such, we will continue to ensure that volunteers treat every person with dignity, respect and fairness.

**This volunteering opportunity is subject to a DBS check and sets out the duties of the role at the time when it was drawn up. Such duties may vary from time to time without changing the general climate or level of responsibility entailed.**

**Next steps:**

If you are interested in applying, the next step is to complete our volunteer application form. Please download the application form from **www.sightsupport.org/volunteering** and return it to **volunteering@sightsupport.org or to Sight Support HEY, 466 Beverley Road, Hull, HU5 1NF.**