

Disability Form Filling Volunteer

Citizens Advice West Oxfordshire



What will you do?

- complete an introduction to Citizens Advice and undertake bespoke training for your role
- assist clients to complete Disability Benefit forms, either on-line or paper copies
- assist clients to obtain evidence to support their claim
- conduct home visits across West Oxfordshire
- update and record information onto the client recording database
- make an application to the Disclosure and Barring Service



What's in it for you?

- gain and build on valuable skills and experience such as communication, IT skills and working in a team
- learn about issues such as benefits and debt
- build on valuable skills such as communication, listening and empathy.
- increase your employability
- contribute to the smooth running of the advice service which makes a real difference to peoples' lives
- work with a range of different people, independently and in a team.
- Reimbursement of travel expenses at 45 pence per mile.



What do you need to have?

You don't need specific qualifications or skills but you'll need to:

- be friendly and approachable
- be non-judgmental and respect views, values and cultures that are different to your own
- have good IT skills
- be calm under pressure
- be willing to learn about and follow the Citizens Advice aims, principles and policies, including confidentiality and data protection
- be willing to undertake training in your role
- a current full driving licence



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How much time do you need to give?

We can be flexible about the time spent and how often you volunteer but, ideally, availability to conduct at least 2 home visits a week. Home visits can take up to 3 hours each visit plus additional travel and admin time. Therefore approx 8-10 hours a week.



Valuing inclusion

Our volunteers come from a range of backgrounds and we particularly welcome applications from disabled people, people with physical or mental health conditions, LGBT+ and non-binary people, and people from Black Asian Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities.



Contact details

Email <u>recruitment@cawo.org.uk</u> for an application form.







Helping people find a way forward, whoever they are and wherever they are

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