

Role Description

Volunteer Warehouse Assistant

About FareShare

FareShare is a national charity fighting food poverty by tackling food waste. We source food from food retailers and manufacturers, that is surplus to requirements and engage many volunteers to help re-distribute this to local Community Food Members (CFMs), that provide meals to vulnerable people (individuals who are homeless, unemployed, socially isolated, or recovering from addictions). FareShare now operates 20 regional centres around the UK in partnership with various partners, including EMERGE.

FareShare Greater Manchester has been run by EMERGE 3Rs since 2008. EMERGE is a charity that has been active in the 3Rs (reduce, reuse and recycle) since 1996. From our regional centre based on New Smithfield Market we redistribute food to over 200 CFMs. You would be joining a committed team of paid staff and volunteers working hard to increase the amount of food we can receive and send out to our member organisations.

Key Tasks

- Sorting and unpacking deliveries
- Loading and unloading of ambient, chilled and frozen food deliveries
- Moving stock by manual operation of pallet trucks, cages and wheel sets
- Picking and packing orders
- Assisting with CFM collections
- Assisting with stocktaking
- Keeping the warehouse clean and tidy

Reports to

FareShare Warehouse Manager

Location

FareShare Regional Centre, Units E6-E7 New Smithfield Market, Openshaw, Manchester, M11 2WJ.

Hours

The warehouse operates from 8.30am – 4.30pm Monday to Friday. Volunteers are typically involved for one day a week.

Requirements

- Interest in the work of FareShare Greater Manchester and our values
- Ability to undertake physical work and lift weights up to 25KG
- Ability to follow procedures and instructions.
- To have good verbal communication skills
- To work in a manner that respects standards of Health & Safety

Training

A full induction on FareShare and EMERGE the organisation will be given. Full training about the role and tasks will be given. The role offers opportunities for continued training in skills that are relevant to many working environments. There is ongoing support and supervision.

What you will gain from the volunteer role

- Work experience
- Experience of working in a team
- Knowledge of charity work relating to food poverty
- Gain experience in the food industry, warehousing and customer service
- The satisfaction of knowing you are making a vital contribution to the work of FareShare.
- Employability support
- A reference if needed

Expenses

Expenses for travelling to and from FareShare will be reimbursed up to £5.60 per day. Lunch expenses will be reimbursed up to £3.00 for those volunteering for 4 hours or more per day who are not on site during this time. Tickets and receipts are required.

How to apply:

To get a registration form please contact

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