

Volunteer Role Description

Role:

Workshop Assistant

Department:

Furniture

Site:

RE:SOURCE
Warehouse, Lucknow
Road, Bodmin

About us

RE:SOURCE is a social enterprise which aims to help address the cause and effect of social exclusion in Cornwall. We do this through working towards the following four aims:

1. Supporting individuals,
2. Promoting community cohesion
3. Alleviating poverty; and
4. Encouraging environmental responsibility

We are a subsidiary of the UK's leading drug and alcohol charity Addaction and work with Addaction Service users, alongside the wider community.

What we do

RE:SOURCE collects, cleans, repairs, refurbishes and sells unwanted furniture. The items that we collect, which would have otherwise ended up in landfill, help us to make money to support our organisation's aims but also enables us to provide a real working environment for people in the local community to enjoy volunteering or gain work experience in a range of different roles.

In our store you can find unique one-off pieces of furniture, the latest styles and trends, traditional wood pieces that have been built to last as well as bargain appliances, electrical goods and bikes! We offer an amazing variety of products at prices to suit every budget.

Purpose of the Furniture Workshop Assistant role

To support the furniture team in restoring furniture and making it ready for resale. All volunteers contribute towards cleaning, repairing and finishing items to showroom quality with the potential of diversifying into upcycling furniture or traditional furniture restoration techniques.

Main tasks

Our Furniture Workshop Assistants will make both major and minor repairs to a range of donated wooden furniture items from chipboard to solid wood. The majority of Furniture Workshop Assistants will, during their day to day duties, learn a great deal about the history of the furniture they are working on, including construction techniques, timber recognition and jointing methods. Each individual will learn the correct use of hand & power tools with the possibility of progressing towards using the lathe and other woodworking machinery. A good number of the items we receive require refinishing and our volunteers will learn about veneers, traditional polishing, using stains and how to identify and apply wax & oil finishes.

What's in it for you?

Volunteering at RE:SOURCE will give you the opportunity to really make a difference to the local environment as part of a dedicated and diverse team. As a Furniture Volunteer Workshop Assistant you will repair and finish products to a high standard and if appropriate support others to do the same.

In addition we offer:

- A safe, friendly and welcoming environment
- Assistance with travel expenses
- Discount on products from our Bodmin shop
- Access to employability support
- Provision of references in respect of your time volunteering

Why we want you

All RE:SOURCE volunteers make a valuable contribution to helping us achieve our goal to see an end to social exclusion in Cornwall. In the furniture workshop we have a large amount of donated furniture items that we need to be made ready for the shop so that more local families can benefit from the goods we sell at RESOURCE and to ensure that we can generate income to support working towards our aims.

Requirements

RE:SOURCE will provide support and training to help you progress through the standard processes specific to the furniture workshop. This role will involve regular manual handling of large items of furniture.

Volunteers needed

Monday to Friday

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