

**Thornbury Aphasia Group- Volunteer - Role Description**

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| **Role Title:** | **Thornbury Aphasia Group - Volunteer** |
| **Responsible to:** | Speech and Language Therapist |
| **Time commitment:** | Tuesdays 10.15 – 12.15 – bi-weekly - (1st & 3rd Tuesday) |
| **Location:** | The Chantry Community and Arts Centre  52 Castle Street  Thornbury  Bristol  BS35 1HB |
| **Why we need your help:**  Bristol After Stroke is facilitating an existing communication group in Thornbury for people with “aphasia” (communication difficulties after a stroke). The Aphasia Group provides an environment for people with aphasia to practice conversation skills and share communication skills and tips.  The established group – which consists of around 8 people currently need a volunteer to support the sessions and create an encouraging supportive environment. | |
| **Role Summary:** | * To support the Speech and Language Therapist to run a group for people with Aphasia. * Support people with varying levels of aphasia in a group setting. * Encourage all group members to take part in conversations, using a range of communication methods. * Support activities in the group setting by using visual resources to be used at the group. * Promote a supportive atmosphere that contributes to a sense of wellbeing for all group members. |
| **Skills and Experience:** | * Excellent communication skills, including excellent listening skills. * Good Interpersonal skills. * Be patient, understanding and have a responsible attitude. * Know about or be willing to learn about communication difficulties. * Know about or be willing to learn about stroke and its impact on people. * Be comfortable working as part of a team. * Recognise the importance of confidentiality and show this in practice. |

**What we can offer you:**

* An induction, support and supervision in the role.
* Training on how to support communication for people with aphasia.
* You will be supported in your role by the Speech and Language Therapist as well as other appropriate members of staff as needed.
* Bristol After Stroke Newsletters; keeping you up to date on charity news and other volunteer opportunities.
* You will have the opportunity to meet with other Bristol After Stroke volunteers at Volunteer Training and at our annual Volunteer Day.

**What we ask of you:**

* To obtain 2 references from people who are not related to you.
* To keep to all the charity’s policies, values and guidelines.
* To complete an induction and any necessary training for the role.
* This post requires a DBS check. Bristol After Stroke follows the national DBS Code of Practice, this code is available on request.
* We will ask you to do a safeguarding course.

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