# Supportive Communities: Befriending New Scots

## Job Description

| JOB TITLE | Supportive Communities Befriender working with refugees in Inverclyde. |
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| RESPONSIBLE TO | Project Co-ordinator |
| SALARY / GRADE | Unpaid / Voluntary |
| HOURS | Depending on availability |
| LOCATION | The Trust, 7 ½ John Wood Street, Port Glasgow, PA145HU. Our volunteer opportunities involve working with families and individuals across Inverclyde. |

| Volunteer Role |
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| Volunteers will befriend New Scots within Inverclyde. Our volunteers will help to provide friendship and support in an informal capacity usually within a 1-1 setting. You will support refugees to resettle and participate within the local community. You will be involved in discussions as to who you are matched up with beforehand.<br><br>This is an excellent opportunity to gain invaluable personal and career experience. It is a great way to widen social and cultural horizons, and an invaluable opportunity to gain experience for your CV.<br><br>Expenses paid. Training provided. |

| KEY TASKS |
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| • Help to provide friendship and support in an informal capacity usually within a 1-1 setting.<br>• Activities can be as simple as going for a coffee once a week, although we have relationships where people explore shared hobbies and interests together such as sport, photography, cooking etc.<br>• Help with English words and phrases as well as cultural differences is also appreciated.<br>• We generally aim for relationships to last initially for about 6 months but these can be extended/shortened based on personal circumstances. We try our best to be as flexible as possible in any way we can in order to accommodate a wide variety of volunteers. |

| PERSON SPECIFICATION |
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| **ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS / EXPERIENCE** |
| No skills required, although an interest in social care or refugees would be an advantage. An awareness of different cultures and backgrounds is helpful, as is the ability to be patient and compassionate. This is an extremely rewarding project. |

| CONTACT |
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