



Voices in Exile

Supporting refugees, asylum seekers & those with no recourse to public funds

Volunteer handyman

Background

Voices in Exile is a registered charity that works with refugees, asylum seekers and vulnerable migrants with no recourse to public funds in Sussex and Surrey. We offer both practical and legal support including generalist advice and specialist immigration casework for those who would otherwise be unable to access justice. Our vision is of a world where all people are treated with respect and dignity within a system that is fair and just.

About the role

Our resettlement team support refugees newly arrived in the city to settle into Brighton and Hove. This includes setting up homes so that they are comfortable and welcoming for families.

You will be supporting the resettlement team with DIY tasks in clients' homes, undertaking small maintenance jobs on an ad-hoc basis.

We are looking for someone has:

- Experience of carrying out small DIY tasks such as putting up curtain rails, shelving, assembling furniture and small repairs (non-gas or electrical)
- Experience and confidence using a range of handheld manual and electric tools.

To volunteer with Voices in Exile you should have an interest in migration issues and a commitment to basic human rights.

Time commitments:

- This role is ad-hoc and flexible.
- To be able to volunteer with us for a minimum of 6 months

Benefits - your role will provide you with opportunities to:

- be part of a supportive and active team welcoming refugees to Brighton and Hove

- make a meaningful impact to peoples' lives

Support - you will get:

- an induction into Voices in Exile and your volunteer role
- a named staff member for support
- access to volunteer support group sessions where you can meet other volunteers for peer support and learning
- reasonable travel and other agreed out of pocket expenses

Practicalities - We will require you to:

- follow the policies and procedures of Voices in Exile
- Consent to a DBS check and references
- have your own tools
- ensure the safety of your tools
- have access to a car or van

We welcome applications from people from refugee and migrant backgrounds and people who speak a community language in addition to English, as well as people for whom English is a first language. We would particularly welcome applications from speakers of Arabic, Farsi, Pashto and Dari.