

Basis Drop in Volunteer :

Summary:

Basis runs a drop in service for female sexworkers at our office on Monday to Wednesday. This can be attended by women who simply want a place to be safe, rest and eat or access our clothes rack or toiletries; others may want to spend time with others or to do a specific activity. On specific days we have input from other services such as Social Justice or Leeds Sexual Health. Volunteers may be expected to help with drinks or food, organising clothes donations, tidying up after drop in ends (at 4) but mostly it involves offering a listening ear or joining in activities being run. The number of women that attend fluctuates hugely but usually no more than 7. Drop in is run by Basis staff with the support of 1 volunteer in the room at all times

You will receive an induction and any training that is required to fulfil your role at Basis

Key requirements:

- Good interpersonal skills including friendly nature and helpful attitude
- Open minded, non-judgmental attitude to sexworkers (see also [our position statement](#)) Understanding of boundaries (professional relationships **only**) and confidentiality
- Adhering to appropriate boundaries with women and young people we support: this includes any contact with women and young people outside of this role including on social media during and after your time as a volunteer. (NB please let us know if this is likely to be an issue, e.g. existing relationships with women and young people that access our service)
- Ability to commit to agreed dates (we are often unable to find last minute replacements and request these are limited to emergencies or illness only)
 - if you are feeling unwell or have to cancel please do so as much in advance as possible
- Full clear DBS and satisfactory references

Basis Volunteer Expectations and Agreements: Drop in

Please note:

- engaging with sexworkers can be a traumatic experience (e.g. due to disclosure of violence of abuse). We ask each volunteer to consider this carefully prior to agreeing to volunteering
- We cannot agree to research requests by volunteers
- This volunteer post is open to female/ female-identifying people only

If you are unsure about anything or would like help understanding any points please talk to a member or staff as soon as possible.

To apply:

Please fill out the Drop-in Volunteer Application Form and email to info-basis@basisyorkshire.org.uk