

# Volunteer role description

## Community Visiting Scheme Volunteer

<b>Department</b>	VIC Community Programs
<b>Availability</b>	Fortnightly
<b>Location</b>	Multiple Locations
<b>Category</b>	Working in our Services and Programs

### Building an inclusive, diverse and active humanitarian movement based on voluntary service

#### Role purpose

You will be visiting an older person at their home or in an aged care facility who would like greater social connections. Through your friendship you can encourage the older person to grow their links in the community and reduce feelings of loneliness.

#### Role responsibilities

- Visit one-on-one with an older person every two weeks for a minimum of a year.
- Undertake activities that are of interest to the participant. This may include listening to music together, playing cards or board games, simply having a chat or going on outings together.
- Maintain regular communication with the Red Cross Program Officer to discuss your visits.
- Record and submit monthly reports to the Red Cross Program Officer.

#### Knowledge, skills and experience

- A genuine interest in building friendship and social connections with older people to ease social isolation.
- Have an understanding of the complex health issues faced by people as they age and use this understanding and empathy during your visits.
- Effective social skills; can listen and chat to engage with people possibly from a diverse cultural background and who may be experiencing loneliness.
- Are mature, reliable and have confidence to work independently without direct supervision and to seek support and guidance as required.
- Holding a valid drivers licence and a means of travel would be beneficial.

#### Check requirements

- A National Criminal History Check prior to start and renewed every three years (Red Cross will arrange this)

#### Learning and development

- Complete Red Cross online learning modules as required
- Attend Red Cross Volunteer Induction, Program Training and ongoing training as required

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### General conditions

We act always in accordance with the Australian Red Cross Code of Conduct and Child Protection Code of Conduct

We are a Child Safe organisation and all volunteers are required to comply with relevant State and Territory legislation requirements

We comply with the Red Cross Workplace Health and Safety management system

We demonstrate skill, knowledge and behaviour to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in a culturally respectful way

We may be required to assist the organisation on occasion, in times of national, state or local emergencies or major disasters

*In all activities, our volunteers are guided by the Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement*

**Humanity**

**Impartiality**

**Neutrality**

**Independence**

**Voluntary Service**

**Unity**

**Universality**

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