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Volunteer role description

Community Visitor Scheme Volunteer

Department	VIC Community Programs
Availability	Once a week/fortnight
Location	Victoria
Category	Working in our Services and Programs

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

Role purpose

You will be matched with an older person in their home or aged care facility who is experiencing feelings of social isolation. Through your ongoing visits, you will build a meaningful friendship, reduce feelings of loneliness and encourage social connections.

Role responsibilities

- Visit one-on-one with an older person on a weekly or fortnightly basis.
- Undertake activities that are of interest to the participant. This may include listening to music together, playing cards or board games, or simply having a chat. Outings are also possible once ongoing visits are well established.
- 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 driver's licence and a means of travel would be beneficial.

Check requirements

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

Learning and development

- Complete Red Cross online learning modules as required

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- 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 Ethical Framework 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
