

CoAction West Cork provides quality services to support children and adults with an intellectual disability and autism. We aim to support people to develop their unique personal gifts, strengths and talents and to live their own lives in the way that they choose. Volunteers play a valuable role in helping the people we support to fulfil their goals and to achieve meaningful engagement with the community.

Volunteering Buddy Scheme – All Coaction Centres (Bantry, Castletownbere, Skibbereen, Dunmanway, Clonakilty)

What is the Buddy Scheme?

We are looking for volunteers who would like to befriend one of the people who avail of our services and participate in some shared interests or activities (such as going to the cinema, Céilí dancing or having a coffee and people watching). There are many different interests amongst the people we support so please feel free to get in touch to chat about the opportunities available.

Are there any requirements or particular qualifications needed?

There are no specific requirements and a 'Buddy' role would suit a variety of people of all types of personalities and of all different ages. Care will be taken to match buddies and ensure that everyone involved is comfortable and safe.

What is the commitment required?

The amount of time is flexible and will be agreed between the volunteer and the person they befriend however we would expect the volunteer to commit to meeting the person once a month at a minimum.

Will I receive any training or support to become a volunteer?

Successful volunteer applicants be offered the opportunity to take part in relevant training and will be supported throughout their volunteering by the Volunteer Coordinator and relevant staff of CoAction.

How do I apply for this post?

Contact the Volunteer Coordinator [details below].

For enquiries about this role or any other volunteering role please contact

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Please note all applicants for volunteer posts will be required to undergo Garda Vetting as part of the volunteer screening process.