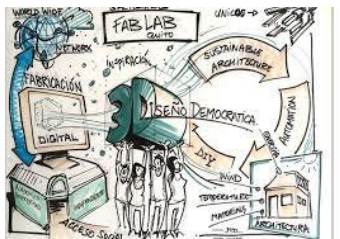


Volunteer's Voice!

The Newsletter for Beacon Volunteers



Spring 2018



Beacon's new Fab Lab continues to make great strides and is gathering momentum. Cutting-edge technology (including a laser cutter, 3D printers and mug presses) are being used to create a wide range of individual and bespoke products. Samples including home decorations, keyrings and bookmarks have sold well in our Sedgley charity shop and we are planning many more items to keep us busy over the year.

The Fab Lab gives visually-impaired people the opportunity to develop new skills, both in digital manufacturing and also work in general. This is done within a live commercial work environment. To date we have one volunteer helping drive this forward, however as things progress we will certainly need more!

For further information on the Beacon Fab Lab or our IT offer, please contact Matt Harrison.



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Here at The Beacon we are after a green fingered volunteer to help with our allotment at Boundary Way (Warstones, Penn, WV44NT), role includes supporting participants with seed sowing, Planting, Harvesting, General maintenance of plot and regular watering.

If anyone is interested or would like some more information please speak to Tim Jukes on 01902 880111

This edition's Volunteer



My name is Priya, I've been volunteering at the Beacon centre for two mornings a week since the end of December 2017.

Having recently graduated from university with a BSc in Psychology, I wanted to do use some of my time volunteer within the local community.

Being a volunteer at the day centre is really interesting as it has allowed me to interact with individuals from various different backgrounds all of whom have their own stories. It's been particularly nice getting to know service users and hearing about how attending the day centre helps them to stay socially active, as well as seeing how it allows them to participate in different activities that they enjoy. Being able to help out particularly with those who may require more one to one support is especially rewarding. Volunteering at the centre has been a positive experience for me and something that I would definitely recommend.

DATA PROTECTION INFO

In order to comply with Data Protection we are asking that if anyone has any information or paperwork for a member of staff and they are not available to please leave this information with reception to be put in a secure pigeon hole. We need to ensure that no personal information is left on staff members desks where it could be accessed by others.

The new General Data Protection Regulation comes into force at the end of May. This is a new set of rules governing the privacy and security of people's personal data.

With the help of an external company, we are conducting a thorough review across all areas of the organization, assessing our current practices and processes for collecting and storing data. During the coming months we will be implementing some changes to ensure we comply with the new GDPR rules.

Well Done Kyle



Volunteer Kyle Hall recently took part in the 'National Singles Ten Pin Bowling league'. Kyle played outstandingly and came home with 1st place after competing against approximately 200 people nationwide! Congratulations Kyle!



Beacon Opticians Plus' offers free eye tests to all of our volunteers please call 01902 886 794 to book an appointment

Congratulations to Andrew and Karen (two of our Stourbridge Volunteers) who recently got engaged! From everyone at the Beacon we wish you many happy years in married life!



Calling all Golfers!

The 3rd annual Beacon Butler Golf Challenge Cup will be held on 22nd September 2018. Want to be a part of this innovative event? We need volunteers, sponsors and of course people to attend on the day to support our amazing players taking place at The Mark Butler Golf Academy. Contact for Anna-Marie for more details – abalram@beaconvision.org



We're on the lookout for old £1 coins!! Check your change jars, draws and cars to see if you have any old £1 coins that you would kindly like to donate to the Beacon centre to help towards the great services we run to help those with sight loss.

Volunteers Wanted

We need a 'Grants and Trusts admin volunteer' to support in researching new funding opportunities, researching grant guidance, application criteria and eligibility, collate data, help to support with the organising of and attending events. For more information contact Becky Sinar: bsinar@beaconvision.org

If any volunteers are interested in helping with our ten pin bowling group please contact Tim Jukes – tjukes@beaconvision.org

Our league will be starting in October, in the meantime we will be busy practicing at Dudley TenPin – Castlegate..

Well Done Kim

Congratulations to volunteer Kim Jeffreys who has just been awarded with the Nigel Berry Braille Award for her progress in Braille. Kim has sight loss and before going to college had never studied Braille before. Amazingly Kim has achieved Level 3 the highest level after only 2 years of lessons and self-study and was presented with a cash prize for her work!

Merry Hill Beacon Stall

CAN YOU HELP?



We really want to hear your good news stories for our regular staff and volunteer updates, keep your news short, sharp and to the point and include all the major facts. If anyone has any stories they would like to share please email to Kcheema@beaconvision.org by the end of each month.

A Date for your Diary

June 1st to 7th is National Volunteers week & to celebrate this Beacon are holding their annual Volunteer celebrations on Tuesday 5th June at the Sedgley centre between 2pm-4pm. Come & join everyone for a cuppa, some delicious cakes & nibbles, awards and a natter with other volunteers old & new! Invites will be sent to all Volunteers in the next few weeks!



We're looking for someone on the 1st Tuesday of every month to man a stall inside the Merry Hill Centre alongside Pete to help promote Beacon's Services, answer any questions and signpost to our services. Pete can be contacted at the Sedgely centre.

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