

Welcome



Community First
Yorkshire

Involving and Supporting Volunteers with Criminal Records



Session aims

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During this meeting we will look at the positive impact that can result from meaningful engagement and participation of volunteers with previous criminal records. We will explore procedure and mechanisms for inclusive volunteering including DBS and Risk Assessments.



Today's agenda

Introduction

14:05 – Andrina Dawson, Volunteer Action Leeds

14:50 – Tea break

15:00 – Scenarios

15:30 – Q&A

15:45 – Network discussions and Q&A

16:00 - Close



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*This network meeting is a **safe space** for all*

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We'll be using a padlet for the breakout room case studies.

We will paste the link into the chat.

<https://padlet.com/vickisharp/v-net-criminal-records-case-studies-9o2rdhdnveqd1bfr>



Andrina Dawson

Andrina currently works as a coordinator for volunteering at Voluntary Action Leeds.

Her career began in Manchester where she volunteered in a local youth centre, this experience shaped her passion for youth and community work and set her understanding that volunteering can be truly life changing.

Andrina oversees a range of volunteering projects including Volunteer Centre Leeds, Community Champions, Leeds Volunteer Managers' Network and Giving Time, a project that supports serving prisoners to develop volunteering within the prison environment and continue to volunteer post release.

Andrina has specialist knowledge of the recruitment of people with criminal convictions and the processes that support this to happen safely. Andrina has presented both sub-regionally and nationally around this topic.



Tea break – 10 minutes



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Next time -

On **December 5th** we will be asking what have you always wanted to know about being a Volunteer Co-ordinator but were afraid to ask.

Risk assessments, role descriptions, rota management and Christmas party planning – all in the life of a Volunteer Co-ordinator or Manager. Join us for this interactive session as we explore a variety of topics to hopefully make your day to day a little easier.



Please email questions in advance of the session

Christmas jumpers are optional



Thank you

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