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Volunteers Project 2nd Birthday Boost

Local charity, Bury Law Centre is holding an open afternoon on Wednesday 6th June from 2pm to 4pm for people who may be interested in taking part as volunteers.

Volunteers play an important role in maintaining a Helpdesk which helps over 1000 people a year to find the right source of advice on their legal rights. They also undertake a range of essential office administration roles. No previous knowledge of the law is needed and full instruction and support is given. Development Worker, David Wildman explains:

‘The Helpdesk was set up in 2005 as part of our Big Lottery funded Volunteers Project and provides a really valuable ‘signposting’ service in Bury which callers can access 5 days a week, 9.30am – 4.30pm. We’re approaching the Project’s 2nd birthday and to mark the occasion we decided to invite people to see what the Law Centre does and – hopefully – build on our team of regular volunteers.’

‘Helpdesk volunteers are often the first voice callers hear on the phone or meet in reception and so we look for someone with some experience in dealing with people and a pleasant and courteous manner. The role may be of interest to retired people considering putting some time into a worthwhile project or potential returners-to-work, wanting to brush up in a non-commercial office environment.’

‘In the next year, we also hope to reach volunteers with other interests and experience to develop new roles that support the Law Centre’s work in other ways – such as gathering information, publicity or campaigning on social justice issues that affect people in Bury.’

‘Although we are a legal service, we’re a small local charity and we value all the help we receive. In return, we offer volunteers an interesting role as part of a friendly team working together for a good cause – with out-of-pocket expenses paid, of course.’

Anyone interested in coming to the open afternoon should contact Lynn Moore, Volunteer Services Administrator at Bury Law Centre on (0161) 272 0666.

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