

AVSM Conference 2008 – Handouts from Speakers

SCOPE:

INCLUSIVE VOLUNTEERING (HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE) - PROJECT BRIEF

Located within Scope's Volunteering Strategy Team, the Inclusive Volunteering Project for Health and Social Care was launched in July 2007 and is geographically spread across nine regions of England.

Funded by the Department of Health Section 64 Grant Scheme, the overall aim of this new project focuses upon the creation of fully inclusive, meaningful and supported volunteering opportunities for disabled people within the Health and Social Care Sector.

This will be achieved through the development of networks with a range of Health and Social Care organisations and the establishment of supportive partnerships with Volunteer Service Managers (VSM) within the sector.

During the next 3 years, funding will be used to support 200 VSM's and others to attract, recruit, manage and retain disabled people to volunteering opportunities within the Health and Social Care Sector. The project will provide a brokerage service to volunteer involving organisations, working to actively encourage, promote and recognise organisations wishing to engage proactively, inclusively and positively with disabled volunteers.

On-going support will be offered alongside the development of sector-specific web-based resources for the good practice management of disabled volunteers and delivery of a tailor-made Inclusive Volunteering training programme.

The over-arching aims of the project are:

- ❖ · To increase the number of disabled people volunteering in the Health and Social Care sector
- ❖ · To improve the range of fully inclusive and meaningful roles in the sector
- ❖ · To promote Inclusive Volunteering through sector-specific training
- ❖ · To collect a bank of 'Good Practice' case studies from VSM's and disabled volunteers
- ❖ · To challenge the 'helper' / 'helped' distinction by focusing on ability rather than disability
- ❖ · To enable disabled volunteers to be empowered by their involvement in shaping and designing their volunteering placements
- ❖ · To continue lobbying of Government for a national 'Access to Volunteering' Fund

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