



## **Binky Event and Volunteer – Job Description**

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| <b>Base:</b>           | Community based within Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire, on Binky the Sensory Bus and at events |
| <b>Responsible to:</b> | Team Leader and Service Manager   |
| <b>Hours of work:</b>  | Various hours available, event dependent (expected mainly weekends)                       |
| <b>Contract type:</b>  | Volunteer post  |

### **Main Purpose:**


Are you passionate about the support we offer to autistic and neurodiverse children, young people, adults and their families?


Would you like to be part of our team and help raise awareness of our charity, the work we do and be a key member of our events and volunteer team, mainly onboard [Binky the Sensory Bus](#)?

You will be part of our volunteer team who bring a variety of different skill sets and experience to A-ND, essential in our ability to deliver key support and services throughout north Scotland.

You will be part of our unique and exciting new Binky the Sensory Bus Project, who will be traveling throughout Aberdeenshire, providing a much-needed sensory environment and safe space for children and young people who are not able to access our playscheme environment, based in Aberdeen City. This project is a first of its kind in this area and indeed, in Scotland.

Our core values guide how every person in our organisation works and are integral to all we do here at A-ND:

 **WE ARE INNOVATORS** - We are not afraid to try new ideas or approaches. We welcome change and creativity.

 **WE ARE HUMAN RIGHTS LED** - We will protect and honour the human rights of all people. Treating all with respect, dignity, and compassion.

- ∞ **WE ARE THOUGHT LEADERS** - We are ideas people. We nurture the skills, knowledge and ideas of our staff, families, fellow professionals and most importantly those we support to help inform, develop, and improve our practice.
- ∞ **WE VALUE RELATIONSHIPS** - We are person centred in our approach. Relationships are key to what we do.
- ∞ **WE ARE INFLUENCERS** - We influence policy and procedure to improve access to support and services, including education and jobs. We strive to build awareness and understanding about our organisation, autism, and neurodiversity.
- ∞ **WE ARE PASSIONATE** - We believe every child, young person and adult has the potential to shine bright. We believe magic can be created every day.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Helping present our sensory bus and its facilities at social and promotional events
- Talking to the public and raising awareness about the services that we offer at Autism and Neurodiversity North Scotland
- Have an awareness of health and safety within Binky the Sensory Bus and ensure all risk assessments in place are followed.
- Become familiar with A-ND health, safety, and fire regulations, ensuring they are implemented and followed in line with National Care Standards and SSSC Code of Practice.
- Ensure that matters concerning individual children, young people and their families are kept strictly confidential.
- Report any areas of concern or risk to the Team Leader, Services Manager or where appropriate, Chief Executive Officer, in line with out Safeguarding, Adult and Child Protection Procedures.
- To maintain confidentiality for the A-ND and its staff.

### **Person Specification:**

Essential -

- ∞ Caring, committed and compassionate.
- ∞ Active interest and willingness to understand Autism and Neurodiversity
- ∞ Ability to work effectively in a team.

- ∞ Understanding, commitment and promotion of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion.
- ∞ Ability to maintain confidentiality.

Desirable -

- ∞ Experience of volunteering.
- ∞ First Aid qualification.
- ∞ Safeguarding, Child Protection training / Adult Protection Training
- ∞ Experience of Autistic Spectrum Conditions (personal &/or professional).
- ∞ Experience and/or understanding of play and childcare.
- ∞ Experience and/or understanding of third sector.
- ∞ Knowledge of GIRFEC, SHANARRI, [The Promise](#) & UNCRC

The above list is intended to give an indication of the range of activities that can be undertaken and is not exhaustive.

For more information about our organisation and the services we offer, please check out our website <https://www.a-nd.org.uk/>

To apply for the role of Binky and events volunteer please submit your C.V. together with covering letter to [jobs@a-nd.org.uk](mailto:jobs@a-nd.org.uk) explaining how you meet all essential criteria.

If you would like a confidential discussion about the role before applying, please contact Francesca Read, Service Manager at our headquarters on 01224 277 900.

The selection process will include seeking two suitable references (only requested if successful) and an application to the PVG (Protecting Vulnerable Groups) Scheme.

Closing date: 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Interview Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023