

your initial meeting with the volunteer

The initial meeting is an important opportunity for two-way discussion. An informal and open approach is usually best.

- Find out what the volunteer wants to get from volunteering and what type of activity they would like to do.
- Be clear about what is required from the volunteer.

“When I apply for volunteer work, organisations often seem to assume that disabled people are unsuitable for roles that involve creativity or responsibility. They offer me a mundane or not particularly meaningful role. It drives me mad!”

George Howe, university graduate

TOP TIP

Avoid making assumptions about the types of role that people would be suited to, based on their impairment. (Focus on their abilities and interests and not on their impairments.)