

Volunteering at Your Voice Counts

Heather's story



How I got involved

During a long career with Gateshead Council, in Learning Disability Services, I worked closely with Your Voice Counts. I knew they provided excellent, valuable, support to so many people and was keen to become a volunteer when I left the Council. I began volunteering with Your Voice Counts in 2018 and really missed it when the Covid restrictions meant it was temporarily put on hold.

What I get out of volunteering with Your Voice Counts

I thoroughly enjoy my role at Your Voice Counts. I think it's such an important service for so many people. I've enjoyed meeting new people and maintaining contact with Your Voice Counts users I have known for many years.

I would recommend volunteering with Your Voice Counts to anyone considering it. The staff are welcoming and supportive and I always look forward to my visit.

Volunteering during Covid

I initially volunteered in the Friday drop-in group, at the Your Voice Counts office, supporting a range of activities and outings. I also supported some of the Saturday social group outings. During lockdown I've enjoyed offering support with a local walking group and in the Bensham Grove session.

It's been wonderful to see Your Voice Counts users again after lockdown. Many of them have told me they don't know what they would have done without the support of the staff during such a difficult time.

Find out more about volunteering at Your Voice Counts and our current opportunities on our website at www.yvc.org.uk/jobs or by contacting us on 0191 478 6472 or volunteers@yvc.org.uk.