

## LINKLIVING's MISSION STATEMENT

LinkLiving is a listening, responsive organisation

We work in partnership with people, providing a range of housing support and care services.

We value peoples' strengths and capabilities, helping them to live the lives they want.

## LINKLIVING's VALUES

To Challenge exclusion

To encourage people who have experienced exclusion to speak up for what they want.

To promote choice for people who have limited opportunities.

To deliver responsive, individual services.

To provide a range of housing and support options.

To work with each person to identify their goals and aspirations

To continue to develop a learning culture that encourages creativity, innovation and promotes personal development for everyone involved.

To ensure we provide effective, quality services, maximising resources and opportunities.

To encourage and empower people to be part of their local community and lead ordinary lives.

## LINKLIVING

Is committed to Service Users being actively involved in the management of the organisation, including staff recruitment and selection, representation on the Management Committee, Service User Conference and evaluations.

Our commitment is underpinned by the post of service user involvement co-ordinator

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## FALKIRK SERVICE



## SMART MOVE INFORMATION FOR VOLUNTEERS

## LINKLIVING SMART MOVE PEER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

### About Smart Move

Smart Move is the Peer Education service of LinkLiving Falkirk. The service aims to raise awareness and provide information and advice on housing options to young people living in the area who may be thinking about getting their first tenancy, or who may have already experienced homelessness.

### About the Opportunity

As a volunteer you will have the chance to give other young people information and advice on their housing options and help them learn skills like budgeting their money, getting on with their neighbours and filling in forms. You'll be able to use your own knowledge and experience as well as learning more. You might be doing workshops with 14/15 year olds in schools, talking to people who are homeless or who have just got a tenancy, making up useful information leaflets or videos or even developing an information website.

### Why would you want to volunteer

You will meet new people, who you will train with. You will become a valued member of the team; developing the skills you already

have and learn new ones, for example building your confidence so you feel ready to talk to other young people in schools or other Youth Groups.

You will only be doing this when you feel ready; you only take part in what you feel confident with. **No one will force you to do stuff you don't want to!** You will be given the choice to take part in Youth Award Schemes; this will give you a record of your achievements, which would be recognised by any potential employer. You will gain the satisfaction of helping other young people, who may have got themselves into difficulties, if it hadn't been for your input.

### Training, Induction & Support

Induction and ongoing training is provided for all volunteers, with the opportunity to gain a recognised award. One to one support is provided for all volunteers. You will meet up with the Peer Education Co-ordinator on a regular basis to discuss any problems and to plan your training and development. You may need to boost your self-esteem for example, if so, we will offer sessions on this topic.

### Where

Smart Move is based along side the LinkLiving Team at Callendar Business Park, Watling House, Falkirk. However, workshops and training happen across the Falkirk area. All expenses for travel and food will be covered. You shouldn't be out of pocket for anything you do.

### What Happens Next

When we have received your completed Application Form you will be invited to attend an informal meeting. Where we can find out a bit more about you, you will have the chance to find out what we have to offer. Your travel expenses will be reimbursed on the day, so keep your bus ticket. After a successful meeting, we will make you an offer to start training, pending successful references and Disclosure Scotland Check.



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