



Designing a Volunteer Role Description

ROLE TITLE:	
TASK	
What? List tasks in order of priority Identify the client group What skills are needed?	
When? What is the required minimum / maximum time commitment? Day / morning / evening?	
Where? Work pace including any other sites	
With whom? Will they work with paid staff? Will they work alone?	
Support and training Who is the designated supervisor? What training is provided?	
Administration What expenses do you offer? What other assistance?	
Expectations / Benefits What does the role offer or not offer? Personal development? A chance to change things?	

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ROLE TITLE:	
SKILLS	
What? What qualities are needed? Are there any physical requirements? What and why? Do they need to have had any specific experience? What, and to what level?	
When? Do you need a long or short-term commitment? Do you require flexibility from them?	
Where? Do they need their own transport in order to do the job? Are there any access restrictions at the work place?	
With whom? Ability to work on own/in a team? (as appropriate)	
Support and training Are they willing to attend training? Are they happy to have a supervisor?	
Administration Are you expecting them to be able to provide own travel costs?	

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Potential costs attached to involving volunteers

Keeping a record of all costs attached to your volunteer programme is important in planning your budget and in helping assess the value of your volunteer involvement.

Consider	Cost detail	Time / Amount	
Recruitment	Advertising Printing Postage Refreshments Garda Vetting		
Induction and training	Staff time Materials Refreshments External trainer Room hire		
Support and recognition	Awards ID badges Social events Meetings		
Equipment and supplies	Furniture Clothing (T-shirts, uniforms etc.) Additional office space Additional computer Additional phone line Internet / Wi-fi Tea and Coffee		
Reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses	Travel to and from worksite Lunch		
Administration	Insurance Newsletters Training		
Volunteer manager	Salary		
Other paid staff	Portion of time / salary		
Other			
Total Time / Cost			

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