

CS Local – East Midlands

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

Reference	Open to civil servants in the East Midlands
Type of Opportunity	Citizen Advocate (Mental Health)
Organisation	TotalVoice
Location	Lincolnshire
Brief Description	
What does the opportunity involve?	A Citizen Advocate is someone who volunteers their time to get to know a person with mental disability. A volunteer is someone who will be on the person’s side when they want to say something. A Citizen Advocate will listen to what the client wants and make sure people listen to them. This project is run in partnership with Lincolnshire Independent Living.
What will the volunteer do?	<p>You will support a client to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Find information so the client can make choices and sort out problems. ➤ Know about the clients rights and make sure they are respected. ➤ Promote self – reliance among young people with a disability ➤ Make difficult decisions.
What skills are required?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Good listening skills ➤ Good communication skills ➤ Ability to emphasise ➤ Motivation to secure the rights for service users. ➤ Working with, or having knowledge or personal experience of mental health.
Training required?	Training and shadowing will be provided by TotalVoice – The role involves lone working with vulnerable people and therefore all Citizens Advocates are required to complete a DBS check.

Duration	Flexible
Closing Date	Ongoing
Further Information	For further information about this opportunity , please contact: Norya Irani Tel : 01522 706587 E-mail: norya.irani@voiceability.org
How to Apply	Don't forget that if you are looking at this site for opportunities to undertake paid volunteering in work time, the opportunity you select must fit with your own department's volunteering policy and you will need to comply with your departments processes particularly around health & safety. If you are interested in this opportunity please contact becky.turner@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk for further information. NB. Approval from your line manager is required to participate in this opportunity.