



Community Action Project

Witness Support

Community Action Partner

Witness Service

Aim: To help victims, witnesses, their families and friends when attending criminal courts. We help prosecution and defence witnesses but not defendants.

Role: This may involve arranging pre-trial visits to the court, supporting witnesses on the day, explaining procedures, providing a waiting room separate from the defendant, assisting vulnerable witnesses to give evidence by video link, and giving emotional support before and after giving evidence.

Training: Attendance at court in the public gallery shadowing a trained volunteer. A six day training course taking place in February is also provided. Work will be supervised for the 1st 3 months and ongoing support from a manager is provided once volunteers are certificated to work alone.

Location: Staines.

Times: Monday – Friday, 9am – 4:30pm. One day a fortnight is the minimum commitment.

DBS: A DBS disclosure will be required via the Community Partner.

Other: This project will reimburse expenses and has accessibility.

Application: All volunteers must be registered as Community Action volunteers. To do so, visit <http://www.rhul.ac.uk/services/volunteering/register.html>

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