



## **Our Vision**

**To create a sustainable social enterprise that creates opportunities for young people to learn, develop skills and thrive**

## **Our Mission**

**We recognise young people's differences and abilities and provide a supportive environment that challenges barriers young people can experience in returning to work, volunteering or education**

## **Our Ethos**

**We need each other to make life work**

## **Our Values**

**Everyone is valued and can positively contribute**

**Young people will lead and shape the service**

**We recognise young people and volunteer's individuality and skills**



## Volunteer Role Description

MACS Muddy Paws is our newest venture – a social enterprise created by Young People. It will provide an alternative, supportive environment for young people to learn a variety of personal and professional skills, gain volunteering experience and enhance their participation.

### **Muddy Paws Volunteer Responsibilities will include:**

- Reception Duties (i.e. taking bookings and dealing with customer queries).
  - Handling cash and recording of payments.
  - Meet and Greet with doggies and their owners.
  - Participate in daily cleaning schedule - to keep our Muddy Paws space spotless!
  - 45 Minute Dog Walk with another volunteer and/or young person.
  - Bath and brush dogs after their walk.
  - Doggy play time.
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- You will be required to complete the MACS Muddy Paws training programme.
  - You will be provided with on-going one-to-one support and quarterly group support meetings to help you in your role.
  - You will be covered by insurance for your volunteer activities.
  - You will be supported to register with Millennium Volunteers and log your hours with them to achieve awards.
  - References can be provided.

<b>Person Specification **</b>
Passion for working with animals and young people
Ability to communicate effectively with customers, young people and the public
Willingness to try new things and challenge yourself
Work within the ethos, values and culture of MACS
Work within the ethos and values of Muddy Paws Social Enterprise
<b>This role is a REGULATED ACTIVITY. Therefore, in order to volunteer you must be willing to undertake an Enhanced Level Access NI check. Please discuss with us if you have any queries with this process</b>

**\*\* If you have direct experience of grooming or dog walking and could share this knowledge with our Young People involved in the service, we would love to hear from you!**