

Volunteering Opportunities

What are we trying to do at the Foodbank?

Provision of food in a crisis: Today in Lambeth and Croydon there are families struggling to put food on the table. For people on low incomes, a sudden crisis - redundancy, sickness, benefit delay or even an unexpected bill - can mean going hungry with parents skipping meals to feed children and people forced to choose between paying bills and food.

Signposting to other help and support: Many will come from professionals offering the support they need but some may require help to access further support and we will aim to provide that information.

A friendly face to talk to: Must be someone who will listen without judgement and provide a conversation.

Show the church and community providing practical help and love: Some may feel we have lost the sense of community and helping our neighbours. We hope through the Foodbank we can show Norwood, Brixton and the surrounding areas do care about its community and neighbours.

How does it work?

Those in crisis receive a voucher from a frontline provider which could include doctors, social workers, probation officers, benefits officers and many more.

The voucher gives details of Norwood and Brixton Foodbank including open hours and travel information.

Clients attend Foodbank and exchange their voucher for a food box. They will receive a free drink and cake or snack while they wait for the food to be prepared.

Client is given further support/advice if required.

This is a very brief summary and more info can be found on the website at <https://norwoodbrixton.foodbank.org.uk/>

Volunteer opportunities

As with many community projects, volunteers are they key to success and there are many opportunities for people to get involved. Listed below are current roles available.

Supermarket collections

Regular supermarket collections will be held at local supermarkets and we will need volunteers of all ages to sign up to help with these.

Often a commitment of just a few hours is all that is required.

Warehousing

Helping to sort and manage all food stock

Preparation of parcels during opening hours

To prepare food parcels when clients arrive

Refreshments

To provide refreshments when Foodbank is open

Meet and greet

To be the welcoming face as clients arrive

Admin

To provide admin support to the team

Drivers

To help on collection days transport food, collect food donations from schools, businesses after collection days. To collect food from organisations that have regular collecting boxes.

Full descriptions are available for all of these roles and training will be provided where appropriate.

All volunteers will need to complete an application form which is available on the website or by contacting the Foodbank.

If you are interested in any of these roles or have further questions please do not hesitate in contacting us.