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**Job Description – Travel Trainer**

**Summary of the Role**

A Travel Trainer is a person with a disability who can use public transport to travel on their own.

They help other people with disabilities to become more confident at travelling.

This can be on a bus or train or both.

**Why become a Travel Trainer?**

* Being a Travel Trainer helps you to learn new skills.
* You could make new friends
* You can make a real difference to the lives of others with disabilities.
* You can earn money.
* It can help to build your confidence.

**How the Travel Training scheme works**

1. **Initial meeting**

The coordinator or the project workers meets the trainee to discuss travel training and how it may work for them.

1. **Observed journey**

The trainee is paired with a trainer. The coordinator or one of the project workers introduces them and joins them for their first few trips.

1. **Training sessions**

The trainer works with the trainee until they are confident travelling on their own

1. **Success!**

The trainee can do the journey on their own. And is confident to carry on doing the journey.

**Training:**

Travel Trainers will need to have training, so they know how to help others.

This training will help you to:

● Understand your role.

● Learn how to support someone to travel on their own.

● Learn how to stay safe when travel training.

The coordinator may ask you to do a test journey where you use transport together so that they can see how well you can travel.

**Job Purpose:**

**Reports to: Project Co-ordinator**

**Main Duties and Responsibilities**

The tasks that a Travel Trainer will do include the following, you may be asked to do tasks that are not listed here:

1. Provide 1-to-1 travel support to trainees who identify as disabled or have a health condition.
2. Support people in learning how to travel independently by train or bus.
3. Accompany trainees on journeys to help build their confidence and make sure they can complete the journey safely on their own.
4. See any risks along the journey and work out how to make sure they don’t become worse.
5. Support people who have anxiety or worries about travel.
6. Support people on companion journeys
7. Work with trainees to meet their personal travel goals and increase independence.
8. Talk with the project co-ordinator with updates after each journey
9. Tell Inclusion Gloucestershire if you are worried about some one’s safety (safeguarding). You will get training.
10. Tell the project co-ordinator how you think the Travel Training Project is working and any changes that might need to be

**Skills needed to be a Travel Trainer**

* We are looking for people over the age of 18 who have a disability.
* You will need to be confident and safe when travelling on your own.
* You will need to have experience of using buses, trains, walking or cycling.
* You should be willing to travel out of your home area and around Gloucestershire.
* You will need to be reliable, on time, professional and turn up every week.
* You will need to be patient and supportive.
* You will need to be kind to travel trainees who may be nervous.
* You will need to be good at communicating with your travel trainee.
* You should be able to speak up for yourself and help others to do the same.
* You should want to help people with disabilities to have control in their own lives.
* You should be able to attend different meetings and training days.
* You should be willing to listen, learn and follow instructions.

**Values and Personal Beliefs**

Inclusion Gloucestershire’s values are at the heart of all that it does. Teams are expected to share and demonstrate these values:

* + We are a user-led organisation,
  + We make sure everyone is meaningfully involved and included
  + We empower choice and control
  + We challenge when things aren’t right and give people a strong voice
  + We believe it is right to treat people fairly and always behave in a way that is honest and trustworthy even when nobody is looking
  + We are a caring and professional organisation who work together
  + We work in partnership to deliver exciting new ideas and support each other, our members and our community.