

Barking & Dagenham Customer service volunteer



What will you do?

- complete an introduction to Citizens Advice and training for your role
- staff the reception and other service access points
- answer the telephone, reply to emails and post
- welcome all clients and others who contact or visit us
- explain to the client how long they might be waiting and what will happen
- help clients to fill forms in
- record information from the client form onto a spreadsheet or database
- help with the day to day running of the Citizens Advice service



What's in it for you?

- gain and build on valuable skills and experience such as communication, IT skills and working in a team
- increase your employability
- contribute to the smooth running of the advice service which makes a real difference to peoples' lives
- work with a range of different people, independently and in a team.

And we'll reimburse expenses too.



What do you need to have?

You don't need specific qualifications or skills but you'll need to:

- be friendly and approachable
- be non-judgmental and respect views, values and cultures that are different to your own
- have good IT skills
- be calm under pressure
- be willing to learn about and follow the Citizens Advice aims, principles and policies, including confidentiality and data protection
- be willing to undertake training in your role



How much time do you need to give?

We ask for 1 or ideally 2 days a week. Please see our Volunteer Application form



Valuing inclusion

Our volunteers come from a range of backgrounds and we particularly welcome applications from disabled people, people with physical or mental health conditions, LGBT+ and non-binary people, and people from Black Asian Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities.

If you are interested in becoming a customer service volunteer / reception volunteer then fill in our Volunteer Application form and we take it from there.