

Volunteer role: Boaz night shelter evening reception team

<p>What is this role?</p>	<p>To serve as a team member for the Boaz night shelter (BNS) evening reception venue.</p> <p>Each night a small team of volunteers welcome our night shelter guests, and spend time with them while waiting for volunteers to come and collect the guests to take them to the overnight venue for their evening meal and bed.</p>
<p>What does it involve?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at the Friends Meeting House by 5.45pm and meet other reception volunteers! • Make sure the reception room is ready to welcome our guests • Set up any activities (e.g. Xbox ?) • Access the online register to see list of expected guests • Offer refreshments (usually drinks and biscuits) • Chat to the men, making sure they feel comfortable • Ensure the guests are ready to be picked up by 8.30pm • Tidy room and put BNS items in relevant boxes <p>This list isn't exhaustive, and may change slightly, especially over the weekend. There is a detailed task sheet kept in the BNS file on site.</p>
<p>What is the time commitment needed?</p>	<p>The evening reception venue is open from 5.45pm–9pm, 7 days a week from 1st October to 30th April.</p> <p>Some volunteers serve on a weekly basis (eg every Wednesday), some may offer one evening a month while others prefer to volunteer on a more frequent but ad hoc basis. It's up to you!</p>
<p>Where will I be volunteering?</p>	<p>Friends Meeting House, 6 Mount Street, Manchester M2 5NS (There are a minimum of 2 volunteers each evening)</p>
<p>What are Boaz looking for?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Someone who is friendly, and keen to engage with people • Basic awareness of issues associated with refugees / seeking asylum • Ability to communicate sensitively, often with people who may have little English, and who may be experiencing stress or anxiety
<p>Support, supervision and training</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial training and induction (before the season starts) • Ongoing training and support developed over our 10 years' experience running night shelters. • Personal support from their venue co-ordinator • Access to telephone support each night (Boaz staff on call in emergencies)
<p>What will I get out of it?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting some amazing people • Learning about different cultures • Being part of the Boaz family – invitation to team events / socials • Insight into the process of seeking asylum in the UK • Experience working with refugees • Making a difference!

If you'd like to explore this further, please contact our BNS coordinator Vron Earp by email (vronearp@boaztrust.org.uk) or via the Boaz office on 0161 202 1056.