

Social Connector - Volunteer

- **Box Hill and surrounds location**
- **Volunteer role working with people with psychosocial or physical disabilities**
- **Volunteer for a minimum of 2 hours weekly, for 4 months or longer**

If you want flexibility, a great culture, inspiring teams and a supportive working environment as a Volunteer Social Connector - read on!

Who are we?

healthAbility, as the name suggests, plays a unique and valuable role in the health system. We work to address the root causes of vulnerability, prevent disease and promote lifelong health outcomes, empowering people in our community to live their best life.

Our role is also supporting people to self-manage long-term health conditions, such as diabetes and mental health challenges, with multidisciplinary teams delivering community-based programs in a comfortable setting. We also support people, including older people and people with disability, to stay living at home longer and to live well in their community.

Our broad range of primary health services, care management and in home and community support services can be tailored to an individual's needs and with major hubs in Box Hill and Eltham, these services can be delivered locally, in the Eastern and North Eastern suburbs of Melbourne.

Why work with us?

Although our clients are at the heart of what we do and we strive to positively impact our communities and those who need it most, the wellbeing of our employees is just as important.

When joining healthAbility's supportive, kind, caring and ethical culture, you are welcomed by multi-disciplinary teams passionate about the health and wellbeing of clients and communities, from prevention through to specialist care, and passionate about continually learning and building on their areas of expertise. We embrace this passion and are values driven, offering careers with meaning and environments that are flexible, evolving, creative and connected.

healthability is proud to be an equal opportunity employer. We promote a workplace that actively seeks to include, welcome and value unique contributions of all people. This means we encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, people with disabilities, LGBTIQ+ and from culturally diverse backgrounds to apply for this job, with age being no barrier.

The Opportunity

We are looking for a **Volunteer Social Connector** to join our supportive and professional multidisciplinary teams in a casual volunteer capacity.

The purpose of the Social Connector role is to:

- Provide one-to-one, short-term companionship and encouragement, offering practical and emotional support and friendship

- Support clients to access social opportunities and engage in their interests and hobbies
- Work with participants to identify and engage in suitable activities and/or programs
- Increase clients' accessibility to participate in their chosen activity (eg. Helping them find the right bus route or making the journey together)
- Help increase the community's awareness of the Social Connectors program

Responsibilities include but are not limited to;

- Provide face-to-face companionship, encouragement and emotional support with your matched participant/s
- Attend the initial Social Connector Volunteer training.
- Complete online training modules as required.
- Participate in regular 1:1 catch ups and debriefs with the Volunteer Coordinator.
- Support clients to access local social community programs activities and opportunities.
- Keep records of work undertaken with clients as prescribed by healthAbility and in line with the privacy guidelines.
- Maintain records of program participation as prescribed by healthAbility.
- Participate in the independent evaluation of the program

Skills & Experience

No formal skills required - just a genuine interest in working with people in a healthcare setting and a willingness to learn

If you want to work with great people - we'd love to hear from you.

To view the position description, please go to <https://healthability.org.au/join-us/careers> - Any enquiries can be made to Antoinette Rhodes, Volunteer Coordinator, antoinette.rhodes@healthability.org.au

If you meet the criteria and are looking for a secure role with purpose with our dynamic and growing organisation, we'd love to hear from you. Please apply here by submitting a cover letter addressing the key selection criteria with your CV. Thank you for your time and interest and please note, only shortlisted applicants will be contacted directly. No agencies please.

Employment with healthAbility is conditional upon being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or medically exempt and providing satisfactory evidence of the same.

Applications for this role will be reviewed as soon as they are received so be quick to apply.

See the video below to hear from our employees why this opportunity is much more than a job and how healthAbility offers careers with meaning.

<https://youtu.be/VA09AIRbmPI>