Victim Support Scotland

Volunteer with us

We are actively seeking volunteers from all over Scotland.



> **We currently have over 200 active volunteers. Come and join our volunteer community!**

Scotland is a nation of kind and compassionate people. When times get tough we rally around, stepping up when needed and looking out for one another – it's simply what we do.

This spirit is ingrained in the core of Victim Support Scotland, where our team of volunteers embodies this ethos by offering guidance, emotional support, and practical assistance to anyone affected by crime, including victims, witnesses, and their families and friends.

As an independent charity powered by our volunteers, our mission is to support people from every corner of Scotland, in their own community.

Do you want to help victims of crime? Are you:

- Resilient and empathetic
- Available for at least four hours a week including evenings and weekends
- Able to commit to volunteering with us for at least one year?

If the answers are yes, then we want to hear from you. **Join us in making a difference.**

How you can help

Volunteers provide emotional and practical assistance to people after a crime, victims and witnesses, where and when they need it – face-to-face in their communities or in court.

Why volunteer with us?

- **Support people at a time of need:** Make a difference to people's lives during their most challenging times, helping them to recover and move forward.
- **Learning and experience:** Acquire new skills and gain experience within the criminal justice sector.
- **Training opportunities:** Access a variety of training courses tailored to your volunteering role.
- **Community impact:** Positively influence your community as a vital member of a team actively working to reduce the impact of crime.
- **Collaboration:** Work alongside like-minded individuals with a shared passion for social justice.

The people we support come from all communities across Scotland, as do our volunteers. We welcome new volunteers from all backgrounds and cultures.

> **Being there for someone affected by crime emotionally and practically is one of the most gratifying things I have ever done.**
>
> – Yvonne, Volunteer

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Time commitment

We ask for at least a year's commitment and a minimum of four hours a week. This ensures we can maintain a consistent level of support and offer top-tier training to all our volunteers. Rest assured - you're absolutely allowed to go on holiday. And we agree a schedule with each volunteer to accommodate your other commitments.

We want our volunteers to feel knowledgeable, confident and supported. Volunteers receive in-depth and ongoing learning, development and supervision throughout their time volunteering with us.

Although we ask for a commitment of one year, our volunteers often end up staying with us for many years.

Over 25% of our current volunteers have been with us for over 5 years

How to apply

For more information about volunteering or to register interest, please visit **www.victimsupport.scot/volunteer**

Contact us

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Call **03330 341 078**

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