



# Application to become a Volunteer

Please return to: The April Centre  
 9 Queen Street  
 Colchester  
 Essex  
 CO1 2PG

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| Full Name   |  |
| Address   |  |
| Telephone Numbers   | Home<br><br>Mobile                           |
| Email Address   |  |
| Date of Birth   |  |
| Occupation  |  |
| Do you or have you used in the past, drugs or alcohol on a regular basis? (If yes please give details)  |  |
| What attracts you to this type of voluntary work?   |  |
| Do you have any particular skills that you think we may find useful?  |  |
| What do you wish to gain from volunteering at the April Centre?   |  |
| How often and at what times would you be able to help?  |  |
| Please give details of 2 people (who know you well, but are not related to you) who would give you a reference. Preferably, one would be professional.                                      | 1.<br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br>2. |
| Please note that the information contained in this form will be treated in confidence and criminal offences/drug or alcohol use will not necessarily prevent you from becoming a volunteer. |  |
| Signature   | Date   |



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## Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

### Disclosure of criminal Convictions

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| Surname:             |
| Other names in full: |
| Post applied for:    |

Have You ever been convicted of a criminal offence? Yes/No

If yes, nature of offence.....

Date of Conviction.....

Sentence imposed.....

Have you any charges pending at present?.....

If yes, nature of offence.....

Spent convictions, as defined below should not be included, unless you are applying for a post where a conviction can never become 'spent'.

Under the Act, you do not need to provide details about convictions which are 'spent'.  
Examples are:-

| Sentence   | Period of good conduct needed before Conviction becomes spent |
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| 6 months to 2 ½ years imprisonment/youth custody/corrective              | Ten years   |
| Less than 6 months imprisonment  | Seven years   |
| A fine, community service order or other sentence not covered by the Act | Five years  |
| A conditional discharge, binding over or probation                       | One year  |
| An absolute discharge  | Six months  |

If you have been sentenced to more than 2 ½ years in prison, that conviction can never become 'spent'.