

## Fundraising Wedding and Celebration Volunteer Specification

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**Responsible to: Fundraising Team**

**Location: Queenscourt Hospice, Southport**

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### **Background:**

Queenscourt Hospice is a local charity and the primary provider of specialist palliative care and support to people in Southport, Formby and West Lancashire with a life-limiting or terminal illness. One in three people will be touched by hospice care and in fact Queenscourt Hospice cares for and supports over 1,900 patients every year and also supports patients' families through our *Stepping Stones* programme which provides bereavement support.

Alongside this, Queenscourt Hospice also works with Edge Hill University to provide education to medical professionals in end-of-life care and palliative care. In 2001, we opened the Terence Burgess Education Centre which was named after Terence Burgess, former surgeon to Southport and Ormskirk District General Hospital and the first Chairman of the Queenscourt Hospice board of Trustees.

With less than a fifth of our funding from the NHS, Queenscourt relies very heavily on our community of volunteers and fundraisers, to continue to offer their services for free to support our patients with the compassionate care they are used to.

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### **Purpose:**

Our volunteers are important to us, and we want to give you the best opportunities possible to ensure this experience is meaningful and enjoyable.

We provide as much flexibility as we can with the tasks required and will keep you informed of new activities and offer dates and times that need filling to suit your availability.

The Fundraising Wedding and Celebration Volunteer will promote supporting Queenscourt Hospice in people's celebrations by distributing literature, and will help to raise awareness of the hospice in our community by attending events such as Wedding Fayres with a pop-up stall to chat to brides to be and hand out literature.

This is a really important role as it helps us to engage with our community, reach new people, inspire new supporters, thank our existing supporters, build relationships and to also have some fun. By becoming a Fundraising Event Volunteer, you are helping to make a difference to patients and families throughout West Lancashire, Southport & Formby.

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## Activities:

Activities may include;

- To engage with the public and encourage them to support us in their celebrations, especially weddings
- To distribute leaflets and sample wedding favours to shops; especially bridal, florists, and photography
- To attend community events (Wedding Fayres) on our behalf on a Queenscourt pop-up stall
- To engage with the public on the pop-up stall showing our Wedding Favours
- To promote fundraising campaigns and events at the community events
- To raise awareness of the work Queenscourt Hospice carries out
- To communicate with Fundraising team and pass on information

Volunteers are expected to have good interpersonal skills and the ability to communicate effectively with staff, volunteers and members of the public.

All volunteers will be over 16 years of age and be subject to references.

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## What we offer you:

- \* An induction session to introduce you to Queenscourt Hospice, where you can meet the team and find out more about the charity and roles.
- \* Full training will be given, and a specific risk assessment for you, and we ask that all volunteers be willing to complete any training and learning refreshers as deemed necessary to ensure your safety and that of those working with you.
- \* A Supervisor as a point of contact for support and guidance.
- \* The opportunity to meet new people, make new friends and be part of a friendly and fun team.

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For further information or any queries please get in touch with the Volunteering office on 01704 544645 or by emailing [volunteers@queenscourt.org.uk](mailto:volunteers@queenscourt.org.uk).