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Skilled moneycoaching BEFRIENDER volunteer

This is an exciting opportunity for persons already gifted with a pastoral and compassionate heart, seeking to make a key and lasting contribution within your local church and community, with a new faith-focused organisation.

As a new startup organisation in Ireland, CAP will be developing church partnerships this summer and going forward. Through these church partnerships, CAP will be looking to serve the church through our new moneycoaching programme, which includes initial home visits with clients/persons currently affected by problem or unmanageable debt with a Coach (CAP volunteer) and providing an ongoing befriending support network from within the local church. We're looking for **several volunteer Befrienders to be part of a local church-based CAP team**, providing peer-to-peer care and a listening ear, in a respectful and loving manner at all times.

Below is an outline **description of this role**, now open to suitable candidates:

1. Working with a CAP Coach(es) within your local church which is likely to be another volunteer and possibly a staff member initially
2. Induction training a few hours per week Jun-Jul picking up Aug/Sep depending on a launch date to be decided by the local church
3. One to three in-home visits with clients/persons affected by debt and seeking help/assistance with a Coach from a panel selected by your local church
4. Encouraging your clients to engage constructively with supports like MABS and PIPs etc. in a non-technical manner
5. Ensuring appropriate ongoing befriending and appropriate contact(s) with the client after the initial home visit(s) and 3rd party supports in place
6. Available to accompany/provide lifts for clients etc. to attend meeting(s) with 3rd parties but not sitting in on these confidential technical engagements

Skills and experiences for this role incl the following:

- Very good people person and a strong listener especially in stressful contexts
- Comfortable offering/providing gentle support and a listening ear
- Comfortable working with clients in their context which may be different to yours
- Very trustworthy and confidential with any personal matter(s) shared by a client
- Reliably and consistent befriending - probably weekly

The above volunteer role description is indicative only and could fit in around an individual's week-to-week personal circumstances or professional full-time role. Might even suit someone who's currently out of the work force or retired but keen to volunteer on a regular/weekly basis within their local church context. **Garda vetting required.**



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This is a volunteer role that CAP IRL does not have the budget to fund and so no paid staff to cover the role. We are able to cover expenses and sundry costs agreed in advance, while volunteering for CAP.

Volunteers would need to appreciate the nature of CAP's sensitive work with vulnerable persons, many of whom are in crisis affected by problem debt. Also our <https://www.capireland.ie/statement-of-faith/>

Should you be interested in applying, please contact alan@capireland.ie to set up a call to have a chat, especially if you are aware of an ongoing conversation re church partnership between CAP and your local church.