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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.

CAP is developing church partnerships through which our new money coaching programme will be offered. While CAP Coaches will deliver the money coaching, **Befrienders will be part of this local church-based CAP team, offering peer-to-peer emotional care and a listening ear. Befrienders will become an “anam cara”, a soul friend, to those participating.** Friendship will be offered in a respectful and loving manner and face to face. This role will include some home visits with a Coach to clients/participants seeking financial guidance or those affected by problem/unmanageable debt.

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

1. Working with a CAP Coach(es) within your local church
2. Attending a money coaching induction training over four weeks hopefully Aug/Sep depending on commencement date in the local church with Coach(es)
3. Attending a money coaching course with participants over four weeks and with Coach(es) following on from the initial induction course above
4. Encouraging participants to get the best out of their money coaching incl strengthening their social networks and any appointments with MABS/PIPs
5. In time becoming an anam cara - a soul friend providing holistic personal care

Skills and experiences for this role incl the following:

- A very good people person and a strong listener especially in stressful conditions for participants
- Comfortable offering/providing gentle support and a listening ear
- Comfortable working with participants coming from a different perspective
- Trustworthy and confidential with personal matter(s) shared by participants
- Reliable and consistent availability to participants - 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.**

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 see <https://www.capireland.ie/statement-of-faith/>

For more details and a chat please contact alan@capireland.ie