Volunteer Role: Fundraising, Event Support & Awareness Raising

Organization: Rape Crisis Midwest

Location: Limerick/Clare/North Tipperary

Time Commitment: Flexible – ideally 4–6 hours per month (depending on event schedule)

About Rape Crisis Midwest

Rape Crisis Midwest (RCM) works for the protection of all people from all forms of sexual violence and abuse. It primarily supports survivors of sexual abuse and violence through free, confidential support and counselling, working from an intersectional feminist framework. RCM deliver services utilising a survivor-centred and trauma-informed model. RCM operates from the knowledge that survivors have the capacity to grow and heal and that they are the experts in what they need. Survivor identified indicators of recovery and healing inform the way in which services are delivered and developed. A trauma-informed model means services are offered with the understanding that a survivor's reactions are a normal response to trauma. RCM believes that responding to sexual violence in our society and holding perpetrators to account starts with supporting survivors in ways that are respectful of their dignity, healing and choices. RCM works to hold perpetrators accountable for their behaviour and counteract rape culture and victim blaming. The headquarters for Rape Crisis Midwest services is in Limerick with satellite services in both Ennis and Nenagh. Our service delivery includes counselling; Garda and court accompaniment; advice, to both survivors, and their supporters; and sexual violence training to individuals and organisations. We work nationally in partnership with Cuan – the Domestic, Sexual & Gender Based Violence Agency and Rape Crisis Ireland.

Role Purpose

We are seeking compassionate, organized, and proactive volunteers to assist with the planning and execution of fundraising initiatives and awareness-raising events. Your work will help ensure our services remain free, accessible, and survivor-centred.

Key Responsibilities

- Support the planning, coordination, and delivery of fundraising events (e.g., charity walks, community fundraisers, benefit nights)
- Assist with logistical tasks including booking venues, arranging suppliers, and coordinating schedules
- Help promote events via digital platforms, posters, and community outreach
- Liaise with local businesses or donors for sponsorships or prize donations
- Support on-site during events, ensuring smooth operations and a welcoming environment
- Maintain records of event participants, donations, and feedback

Ideal Volunteer Profile

- Committed to the values of consent, empowerment, and survivor advocacy
- Strong organizational and communication skills
- Comfortable working both independently and as part of a team
- Basic digital literacy (email, spreadsheets, social media)
- Previous experience in events or fundraising is welcome but not required

What You'll Gain

- Practical experience in event management and non-profit fundraising
- The opportunity to contribute to a meaningful and urgent cause
- Training and support from a dedicated and caring team
- Flexible volunteering tailored around your availability
- Professional reference available after a period of consistent engagement

How to Apply

Please contact us at info@rapecrisis.ie or 061 311 511 to express your interest and request a volunteer application form. We welcome volunteers from all backgrounds and walks of life.

Note: All volunteers must complete process of Garda Vetting complete a short induction and agree to uphold our code of conduct regarding confidentiality, respect, and dignity for survivors.