Business Support Administrator/IT Support Volunteer

Role description

Working in close collaboration with the Operations Manager and Business Support Coordinator, you will:

- Provide IT support as required to the paid staff and volunteers of the organisation across the whole range of their duties.
- Take a leading role in developing and maintaining IT systems to support advice work and local Citizens Advice management.
- Support the Local Citizens Advice's continuous effort to improve operations and streamline work processes

Duties and responsibilities

The main duties and responsibilities are likely to include the following:

Business Support Administration

- Provide cover for reception as needed
- Provide additional administration support as needed by the organisation

Maintenance and development of the IT infrastructure

- Assist with development of database and spreadsheet applications as required
- Ensure that antivirus software is kept up to date across all machines at both sites.
- Ensure that a regular back-up routine is followed and checked on a regular basis.
- Make sure that the servers and workstations are kept up to date with the latest security fixes and updates recommended by the software manufacturers.
- Under the direction of the Operations Manager, take a lead on installation and modification of hardware and software.
- Play a role in developing and implementing the IT Strategy.
- Assist Citizens Advice Carlisle & Eden in ensuring its compliance with data protection regulation (GDPR).
- Ensure that software licenses are obtained and updated for all software.

Providing technical support to staff and volunteers

- Respond to requests from computer users regarding hardware, software, or network connection problems or questions.
- Refer the more difficult problems or non-routine requests to other technical support staff or the IT Service Desk.
- Provide "how-to" instructions where needed
- Deliver basic IT training or coaching to individuals and groups of staff and volunteers to enable them to use the software used in the local Citizens Advice.
- Provide assistance/support with website maintenance.

General

- Attend courses/meetings as agreed.
- Keep up to date on new IT developments.
- Keep up to date with policies and procedures relevant to Citizens Advice work and undertake relevant training within guidelines issued by the national organisation

Personal skills and qualities

The following are the personal skills and qualities required by a Business Support Administrator/IT Support volunteer:

- Understanding and operating within the aims and principles of the Citizens Advice service and its equality policies.
- Monitoring and maintaining health and safety standards in the use of IT equipment.
- A positive attitude to self assessment and development.
- Ability to communicate in a one-to-one or group setting regarding technical or non-technical subjects.
- Ability to diagnose technical problems and recommend solutions.
- A broad understanding of the IT requirements of the local Citizens Advice and the solutions available.
- Technical knowledge including Microsoft or Cloud based operating systems, PC hardware and peripherals, diagnostic tools and online monitoring software.
- Understanding of information assurance and data protection.
- Experience in providing first line technical computer support for users and / or network support / administration.