

TEMPLATE: Writing a Role Description

This template is to assist you to in writing a volunteer role description. It contains a range of considerations, which may or may not be applicable in different situations.

Role Description Guide

Organisation name, purpose

and mission:

Purpose of the role: • (Overview of role)

Why is the role important to your

organisation/community?

· What will the volunteer achieve?

(Overview of the organisation)

Key Tasks & responsibilities: • (Outline of duties)

What would an average day look like?

What specific tasks will they need to carry out on a

regular basis?

What tasks will they need to carry out occasionally?

Will they have responsibilities that require reporting?

What tools/resources needed to carry out tasks will be

supplied?

Benefits offered: • (Overview of the benefits offered)

Out of pocket Expenses:
• Volunteers can only be reimbursed for actual out of

pocket expenses

Do you provide transport expenses?

 e.g. petrol vouchers, mileage rate (see ird.govt.nz or AA for current Refreshments e.g. Tea/coffee rates or set

your own)

Work skills: • What work related experience will they gain?

What transferable skills will they gain?

Contacts: • What are the key relationships they will be able to add to

their network(s)?

E.g. clients, stakeholders, team members

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