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Chatty Café Host Volunteer

Organisation: Chatty Café New Zealand (an initiative of GrandFriends NZ)

Location: Various locations across New Zealand

Type: Volunteer

Time Commitment: Flexible (approx. 1–2 hours per week)

About the role

Chatty Café New Zealand is a community initiative focused on reducing loneliness and building social connection through simple, everyday conversations.

We are looking for friendly and reliable volunteers to help host **Chatty Tables** in local cafés - creating welcoming spaces where people can sit, connect, and feel included.

This is a meaningful opportunity to make a positive impact in your local community, simply by being present and engaging with others.

Key responsibilities

- Welcome people to the Chatty Table
- Help start and guide conversations
- Create a warm, inclusive and respectful environment
- Encourage participation and help include those who may be sitting alone
- Represent Chatty Café NZ in a positive and professional manner

About you

We are looking for people who are:

- Friendly, approachable, and empathetic
- Good listeners who enjoy talking with a wide range of people
- Reliable and able to commit to a regular time (where possible)
- Comfortable engaging with people from diverse backgrounds

No prior experience is required - full guidance and support will be provided.

What you'll gain

- The opportunity to make a meaningful difference in your community
- Experience in community engagement and volunteering
- Connection with a supportive network of volunteers
- The chance to be part of a growing national initiative

Additional information

- Volunteers will be supported with guidance and resources
- This role takes place in public café settings
- A police check will be required.