

Colchester CAP Debt Centre

Volunteer Client Events Co-ordinator Role

What are the Centre's Aims?

The aim of our centre is to release families in Colchester from poverty and debt through our debt counselling service. Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is a holistic Christian service, and we seek to provide extra support to help each family, through friendship with a befriender, through prayer support and through the practical help from our client blessing team.

We have seen over 100 client families go debt free in our first 5 years, and with CAP changing lives and bringing people to faith all around the country, we feel this is an exciting opportunity to be part of a real movement of God to help His poor.

What are Client Events?

Client events come under the umbrella of Client Blessing. This means all the practical things we provide to clients, from food shopping and gas and electricity top-ups, to acquiring white goods or furniture for them, hampers at Christmas, and more. It's real Christ-in-action stuff and we are in a privileged position to help people in this way.

Client events are a way for us to bless all our clients together. For families they are a chance to let the children have some fun for a while when their circumstances might not normally allow it. It gives the parents a bit of breathing space too away from their cares. For single clients it is an opportunity to enjoy fellowship when sometimes they can spend long periods alone. It is an opportunity also to show clients the love of Jesus and we often include an evangelical element such as a shared testimony.

The Colchester Centre runs 2-3 client events every year, to which we invite as many of our clients as can come. At present these are often a meal or a party, sometimes with a speaker or entertainment. We include children's activities and some fun for the adults too, plus a meal. But we are always looking for different ways to bless clients and are always open to new ideas for events!

What is the Client Event Co-ordinator Role?

The co-ordinator role is to work with our team of amazing volunteers to plan and organise events for the clients. This includes obtaining a venue, planning food, children's entertainment and any additions such as decoration. As the title suggests you won't be working alone and the role is very much about using your team, not trying to do it all on your own. The centre has an annual budget which can be allocated to events.

What are we looking for?

- Excellent communicator
- Great understanding of working in a team, knowing when to do something yourself and when to rally your team of great volunteers
- Non-judgemental and caring
- Passionate about helping people and bringing hope to them
- In agreement with CAP's core values and statement of faith
- Trustworthy in keeping confidential information
- Positive personality with a can-do attitude

This role is voluntary (unpaid) and there are no fixed hours.

To apply please send a brief letter explaining why you would be interested to patsimorgans@capuk.org