Volunteers’ Week is an annual celebration of the fantastic contribution millions of volunteers make across the UK – and this year it’s taking place from 1-7 June 2015.

We have a number of volunteer roles across NHS Ayrshire & Arran but we are currently looking for ward mealtime volunteers in Biggart Hospital, Prestwick. This hospital has strong links with its community and we would like to increase the number of local volunteers who give some of their time to assist our patients at mealtimes.

Not all of our patients need that additional mealtime help, so these volunteers can also befriend a patient, read books, or play games. These activities really can help to make a patient’s stay a far more pleasant one than you’ll ever know.

Andrew Moore, Assistant Nurse Director - Quality Improvement and Governance, explains: “We are asking people to give as much or as little time as they can to join our friendly team of existing volunteers who provide a vital service within our hospitals.

“Full training and support is given and their hard work is very much appreciated by all our staff, patients and visitors. We’re encouraging people of all ages to get involved and give it a go. Our volunteers are very special to us and it’s a great way to meet new friends.”

During this year’s Volunteers’ Week, why not find out more about volunteering in NHS Ayrshire & Arran? Contact Gill Rogers, telephone 01292 613669 or email gill.rogers@aapct.scot.nhs.uk.
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