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Volunteers required for Guide Dogs Discovery Centre

Guide Dogs SA.NT is seeking volunteers to be trained as Tour Guides for the newly opened Guide Dogs Discovery Centre.

Once trained, the volunteers will be conducting guided tours of the vision and hearing community education centre for school, corporate and community groups.

Meg Matthews, of Guide Dogs SA.NT, says bookings are already flowing in for the centre and expects to soon begin training volunteers.

“It’s an exciting opportunity for volunteers as it will be a rewarding and varied role.

“We are particularly looking for people who are confident enough to lead tour groups and can commit to a minimum of one day a week.”

The interactive education centre is the first of its type in Australia reflects Guide Dogs’ commitment to stemming the rising incidence of vision and hearing loss.

Seventy-five percent of vision loss and blindness is preventable or treatable. Noise injury, the leading cause of acquired hearing loss, is completely preventable.

The Discovery Centre focuses on teaching preventative health messages, along with information about disabilities and Guide Dogs.

Built in consultation with educational experts and disability sector staff, visitors will have the opportunity to find out first hand what it is like to live with a sensory loss.

The centre will take visitors on an educational journey with nine interactive activities utilising cutting edge technologies. Vision and hearing loss simulators are just an example of the insight visitors will have into the world of vision and hearing loss.

Housed in the new Morphett Street head office of Guide Dogs SA.NT, the centre also has views of puppy education and play areas.

For more information on how to volunteer as a Discovery Centre Tour Guides, please contact the Volunteer and Discovery Centre Coordinator Meg Matthews.

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