

Position Description:

Volunteer Recruitment - Safe Ride

About Freedom Solutions

Freedom Solutions Australia operates across NSW and Victoria. It is a volunteer-based, not for profit organisation providing assistive technology solutions and occupational therapy services for people living with disability and older people. For over 40 years we have been a valued stakeholder in the disability services sector, enabling our clients to achieve their goals. Primarily through the design and construction of custom assistive technology that is otherwise commercially unavailable.

Position Purpose

In April 2024, Freedom Solutions Australia was granted funding to implement the Safe Ride project, aimed at addressing road safety challenges for individuals living with disabilities across Australia. Safe Ride is an opportunity for volunteers to contribute to a solution focused project that intersects technology, innovation, and community co-design. The goal is to have innovators develop new assistive technology for unwanted buckle release and associated challenges. Volunteers' expertise, skills and creative insights will ensure that Safe Ride has a lasting positive impact on the future of road safety for children and adults living with disability.

Qualifications and experience

As this is a creative co-design process, we are more than happy to discuss volunteering opportunities for individuals from diverse skill backgrounds where you have a passion to contribute to the work of Safe Ride.

Key areas of recruitment:

- Lived experience (individuals who are personally impacted)
- Engineers (e.g., biomedical engineering, mechanical engineering, etc.)
- Industrial designers
- Materials and manufacturing specialists
- Design concept specialists
- Electronics, or emerging technologies specialists
- Health professionals interested in user-focused design (e.g., physios, occupational therapists, allied health workers, etc.)
- Administration skills (e.g., documentation, client phone calls, event support, etc.)
- Creative thinkers (e.g., craft skills, sewing, 3D printing, lateral thinkers, etc.)

Position Scope

Set your project involvement based on interest, availability and experience. Work from home or the Freedom Solutions Australia office space in Northmead, NSW or Victoria (office location TBC). There are options to attend collaborative meetings and client workshops, both online and in-person. Volunteers are essential to the Safe Ride project, from research and designs, through to prototyping, evaluation and reporting.

Our Mission

Freedom Solutions changes the lives of people living with a disability by providing personalised technology, equipment and services.

Our Values

Innovation: We inherently push the boundaries of assistive technology, developing life- changing solutions through our commitment to innovation.

Financial Sustainability: We are committed to financial sustainability through responsible financial management and revenue growth.

Collaboration: We recognise our success is built on cross-functional teamwork. We believe results only come through effective collaboration.

Customer Centred: We are committed to a positive client experience at every stage. We achieve this through quality products and services and through continuous improvement.

Integrity: We act honestly and ethically. Through integrity we build strong relationships with clients and volunteers, ensure quality, and promote a positive workplace culture.

Equal Opportunity

Freedom Solutions is an equal opportunity employer; values diversity and encourages applications from indigenous people, people with disabilities and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Contact

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