Charity Guide Dogs appealing for volunteers in capital

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The charity Guide Dogs is appealing for people in Edinburgh to lend their support next month by volunteering for an hour.

Locals are being encouraged to attend one of the charity's fundraising collections during Guide Dogs Week (7-15 October).

Geoff Smart, a guide dog owner who is involved in the charity's Edinburgh fundraising group, said: "We have the opportunity to collect within the Gyle Shopping Centre, Ocean Terminal and Morrisons Dalkeith, and we are in need of volunteers to come along and help.

"Every hour, another person in the UK loses their sight and Guide Dogs is here to make sure they don't lose out on life as well.

"The money raised during Guide Dogs Week will help more people like me maintain their independence.

"Anyone who has an hour, or even half an hour to spare, would be very welcome. It's a great opportunity to meet new people, have fun and make a difference to people with sight loss."

Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Geoff Smart on 0345 143 0203 or by emailing Geoff.Smart@guidedogs.org.uk.