

Volunteering Link

Volunteering Link, an Inclusive and Welcoming place for our volunteers, whilst Empowering them to be Ambitious through Adaptable and Collaborative approaches to volunteering. A vision where our borough is a place where every volunteer is valued, supported, and can thrive.

Youth Football Coach

Volunteering role with	Waltham Forest Community Hub
Service	Youth Hub
Brief	The volunteer community football coach helps as a member of a team within the charity to support the coaches to facilitate young people at our community football provision ensuring an engaging, fun, inclusive and safe football session. All activities will be undertaken in the context of the following general aims: • Engaging and empowering young people to participate grow and achieve. • Strengthening the community by sharing our space, voice, and expertise Working under the direction of the Youth Service Manager, the post holder helps achieve the youth Services objectives, In particular: • Facilitate and supervise football sessions that promote sustained participation in football. • Ensure an engaging, fun, inclusive and safe football session. • Develop positive relationships with young people to identify their strengths, areas of development and aspirations.

<i>Role description/responsibilities</i>	• To support the running of Community Football and, Events such as our Hello events and tournaments through the year • To assist with any necessary set-up and clear-up pre and post sessions. • To engage and mentor our young people with your knowledge & experience. • Contribute to a supportive and inclusive environment by providing the young people with informal appropriate advice, and empathetic listening.
<i>Boundaries</i>	• Volunteers are not responsible for counselling, medical advice, or discipline. • Volunteers will not provide personal care, transport, or financial support. • Volunteers should not share personal contact details with young people. • Volunteers must report any safeguarding concerns to staff immediately. • Volunteers do not make organisational decisions; guidance and supervision are provided.
<i>Skills/qualities</i>	• Willingness to support vulnerable or disadvantaged young people • Inclusive and non-judgemental approach to diverse service users • Adaptable, with initiative to meet the needs of the service • Strong active listening and communication skills • Empathetic and encouraging interest in others • Basic computer skills for updating databases (where required) • Passion for physical activity and community wellbeing (experience desirable but not essential) • Motivation to make a positive difference within the local community
<i>Qualifications required</i>	No set qualifications just a willingness to support community led youth activities and initiatives.
<i>Training to be provided</i>	Completion of Mandatory Training courses, including:

	• Safeguarding Adults at Risk • Safeguarding Children, including Internet Safety • Safeguarding Adults • Health & Safety in the Workplace • First Aid • EE Playmaker by England Football
<i>Benefits gained from volunteer opportunity</i>	• Develop transferable skills such as communication, leadership, and teamwork • Gain experience working with young people, including those who are vulnerable or disadvantaged • Enhance your understanding of youth development, wellbeing, and community support • Build confidence and interpersonal skills through practical engagement • Contribute positively to your local community, making a tangible difference in young people's lives • Opportunity to work as part of a supportive team, learning from experienced staff and volunteers • Receive training and guidance, enhancing your knowledge of safeguarding, inclusion, and mentoring • Potential pathways to paid roles or further opportunities in education, health, or youth services
<i>Any other information</i>	Volunteers will also have the opportunity to achieve the FA Introduction to Coaching Football qualification, supporting professional development in coaching (Managers discretion)

<i>Hours/days</i>	Minimum 3 hours per week, Thursday's. Some weekends
<i>Length of duration/time commitment</i>	Minimum of 3 months

<i>Location</i>	Waltham Forest Community Hub E17
<i>Expenses</i>	Our volunteers will be reimbursed with travel and lunch expenses as per our Volunteer Policy.