

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 Hub Volunteer

Volunteering role with	Waltham Forest Community Hub
Service	Youth Service
Brief	The Youth Hub Volunteer will support the Youth Hub team in creating a welcoming, inclusive and safe space where young people can socialise, have fun and take part in a range of activities. The Youth Hub runs two youth clubs each week. The Monday youth club takes place from 4pm to 6pm at Waltham Forest Community Hub, E17. The Wednesday youth club takes place from 4.30pm to 6.30pm at Aldrich Way, E4. The youth clubs encourage young people to socialise in a safe and supportive environment and provide opportunities to take part in sports and games, board games, games consoles, arts and crafts, and activities that encourage creativity and self-expression. • 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 creative sessions that promote sustained participation

	• Ensure an engaging, fun, inclusive and safe creative sessions • Develop positive relationships with young people to identify their strengths, areas of development and aspirations.
Role description/responsibilities	• Assist lead staff in planning and running activities. • To assist with any necessary set-up and clear-up pre and post sessions. • Encourage creativity, self-expression, and participation. • Assist staff with trips off site • Help Support in preparing for exhibitions • Help create a welcoming, motivating environment. • Support the safety and well-being of participants. • 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.
Boundaries (what you won't be doing)	• 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.
Skills/qualities	• Willingness to support vulnerable or disadvantaged young people • Energetic and enthusiastic

	• Creative, adaptable, and solution-focused • Inclusive and non-judgemental approach to diverse service users • Reliable, responsible, and safety-conscious • Strong active listening and communication skills • Empathetic and encouraging interest in others • Basic computer skills for updating databases (where required) • Enthusiasm and energy: Bring a positive, engaging, and encouraging presence to every session. • Motivation to make a positive difference within the local community
Qualifications required	No set qualifications just a willingness to support community led youth activities and initiatives.
Training to be provided	Completion of Mandatory Training courses, including: • Safeguarding Adults at Risk • Safeguarding Children, including Internet Safety • Safeguarding Adults • Health & Safety in the Workplace • First Aid • London Youth Creative Training
Benefits gained from volunteer opportunity	• 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
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Hours/days	Minimum 3 hours per week, Mondays, Wednesdays some weekends
Length of duration/time commitment	Minimum of 3 months
Location	Waltham Forest Community Hub E17, and external sites
Expenses	Our volunteers will be reimbursed with travel and lunch expenses as per our Volunteer Policy.