

Group Support Volunteer, roles and responsibilities.

This outlines your role as a Group Support Volunteer.

All volunteers will have a named mentor who will be your point of contact and will work alongside you and other members of staff. Once you have been allocated a mentor, they will arrange to meet with you beforehand. They will support you in your role to help you achieve the following elements of the role:

- To support the Early Help Support Worker in delivering Children's Centre groups and activities.
- Create a welcoming environment for children, families, young people.
- Actively involving parents in their children's learning.
- Setting up and clearing away of the group.
- Carrying out activities in groups.
- Taking photographs in sessions.
- Ensuring ground rules are adhered to.
- Keeping facilities clean and tidy.
- Sign posting to other services.
- Where possible attend staff meetings.
- Provide information on own observations and feedback from parents to inform planning of services.
- Undertake evaluations when required.
- Encourage parental feedback.
- Promote the Healthy Start vitamins to parents.

Skills required for the role of Group Support Volunteer include the following they are desirable but not essential:

Knowledge

- Creative background.
- Good knowledge of IT.
- Understanding of Children's Centres or a willingness to learn.
- Proactive and outgoing personality.
- Understanding of Early Years Foundation Stage.
- Ability to work unsupervised.

Volunteer commitment Requirements

- This role would require a minimum of 2-3 hours Wednesday am.
- Enhanced DBS check.
- Various safeguarding training.
- Prevent training.
- Data Protection and Information Governance training.
- Other training may also be available as identified in your Personal Development Plan.

| Volunteer's Goals: | Volunteer's Learning Outcomes: |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gaining new experiences • Meeting new people • Improving self-esteem • Building motivation • Improve employability skills • Introduced to new activities • Reduce isolation • Getting support • Developing their skills • Gaining knowledge • Gaining experience • Attend training courses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of photocopier • Answering telephone • Listen effectively • Good customer care • Work in a group or team • Maintain a routine • Be flexible • Pass on skills to others • Organise an event • Be a befriender • Support other people • Be more confident |

Benefits of volunteering with us

People volunteer for a range of reasons, and each volunteering opportunity provides its own unique experience. Volunteering can help you to:

- develop new skills and experience.
- enhance your CV.
- gain valuable references.
- meet new people.
- make a difference to other people's lives.
- build your confidence in the workplace.

What we offer

It is important that you get the most out of volunteering with us. We will:

- introduce you to the organisation and provide you with a staff contact.
- offer equal opportunities to everyone who wants to volunteer, treating everyone with dignity and respect.
- match your skills and life experience with the right role wherever possible, listening to your motivations and aspirations.
- offer appropriate training and support for your role.
- listen to what you have to say, encouraging two-way communication.
- ensure your health, safety and welfare as a volunteer.
- provide access to trained members of staff to support, guide and advise you.
- offer fair, honest and timely feedback on your volunteer work.
- provide information about our [policies and procedures](#).

Your commitment to us

As a volunteer, we will expect you to:

- aim for high standards of efficiency, reliability and quality in your volunteering.
- support, respect and adhere to our organisational policies, guidelines and management decisions including all aspects of health and safety, data protection and our [Equality and Diversity Policy Statement](#)
- act responsibly and within the law.