

Volunteering opportunity

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Name of Organisation: Who Cares? Scotland

Title of Volunteer Opportunity: Participation Support Volunteer

ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY

Participation Support Volunteer:

Purpose and Aims of the role

Would you like to help Care Experienced children and young people engage in activities to build their skills and confidence and engage in their local community? The Participation Support Volunteer role will assist in providing and supporting activities for young people.

This role will involve interacting with young people school age through supporting and leading on a variety of activities e.g. Arts, crafts, performing arts, sports and general youth work at our fortnightly sessions as well as at our National events that happen throughout the year.

You do not need to be Care Experienced for this role, but we are as always interested to hear from applicants with Care Experience.

What will I be doing?

- Supporting staff to undertake activities
- Supporting youth group sessions
- Leading on activities
- Contribute ideas and attend planning meetings
- Supporting young people's sense of belonging and connection
- Helping children and young people to have fun
- Building children and young people's confidence and self esteem
- Being a positive role model
- Working with young people who have additional support needs

What skills can I bring to this role?

- Experience of working with children (Not essential but preferred)
- Understanding of supporting young people with additional support needs
- A knowledge of issues affecting Care Experienced children and young people
- Ability to work well with children and young people
- Good communication and listening skills
- Ability to encourage and motivate children and young people to participate in activities
- A knowledge of arts and experience with performance (not essential)
- A knowledge and interest in sports based activities (not essential)

What qualities do I need?

- To have a non-judgemental approach to people, have empathy
- Be enthusiastic, flexible, and committed
- Reliable and approachable
- Friendly, helpful, and understanding
- Reliability and a commitment to treat all information in a confidential manner
- To have a good value base, be open minded and level-headed
- Adaptable to change

When will I be needed?

- Fortnightly group meeting Wednesday's early evenings
- Additional planning meetings

Location

East Ayrshire

What will I gain from the role?

- A sense of satisfaction in helping children and young people build their confidence and self-esteem to achieve their full potential
- Practical experience of working with children and young people
- Building relationships withing the local community
- Self-development
- Have fun!

What support will I be given?

- Induction and child protection training
- Role specific training
- Expenses – all out-of-pocket expenses will be reimbursed
- Supervision and support from your manager / officer

Additional Information

For all roles involving regulated work with children and young people, applicants will be required to submit a PVG Scheme Record or a PVG Scheme Record Update application. This opportunity is subject to the completion of satisfactory references and successful registration on the PVG Scheme.

The Bright Stars have been running since October 2022 and with this role you will help us to develop the group further.

This role involves the following:

Children

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Young people

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National and local participation sessions

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All volunteers will be subject to application form, interview, reference and PVG Checks