

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

Help us create a relaxed and safe space for care experienced young people (16+).

The Ayrshire Chill Out is out 16+ Group which runs on a Monday 5:30-7:00 and takes place in the Who Cares Scotland office based in CentreStage in Kilmarnock. This group is for any care experienced young people who are 16+ across Ayrshire. Typically, our sessions involve food, games and chat. This is a new endeavour and we will be developing new ideas and activities as time goes on and we would be delighted to hear from creative people who would like to support us in developing the group.

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
- Leading on activities
- Contribute ideas and attend planning meetings
- Supporting young people's sense of belonging and connection
- Being a positive role model
- Working with young people who have additional support needs

What skills can I bring to this role?

- Experience of youth work.
- Understanding of supporting young people with additional support needs
- A knowledge of issues affecting Care Experienced young people
- Ability to work well with young people
- Good communication and listening skills
- 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
- Ability to work in a way that promotes the safety and wellbeing of children and young people

When will I be needed?

- Fortnightly group meeting, Monday 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 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, successful 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.

This role involves the following:

Children

National and local participation sessions

Young people

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