

# Volunteering opportunity



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Name of Organisation: Who Cares? Scotland

Title of Volunteer Opportunity: Youth Group Support Volunteer (East Ayrshire)

## ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY

### Youth Group Support Volunteer – Arts and Crafts/Sports

#### Purpose and Aims of the role

Bright Stars is an ongoing, fortnightly group based in Kilmarnock that supports young care experienced people. This is a vibrant and dynamic group that provides a wide range of activities and opportunities for its members. As we continue to develop, we would particularly like to hear from potential volunteers who have an interest in sports and/or arts and crafts.

Perhaps you have a passion for inspiring others, a background in or a passion for art or maybe a love for all things sport related. If so then we would love to hear from you.

By bringing your skills and experience to the group, you will bring something new and be able to contribute your own ideas and help plan new activities.

In the wider aspect of the role, you will assist in providing and supporting activities for young people, including day trips and at Who Cares? Scotland events.

Who Cares? Scotland is a people organisation. We invest in our people, our relationships and in a positive working culture. It's important to us that our volunteer team is included, involved and motivated to change society.

**We aim to recruit people with excellent qualities from a wide variety of backgrounds who share in our mission. We particularly welcome applications from individuals with care experience.**

#### What will I be doing?

- Involved in the project from the planning stages and building the team
- Supporting staff to plan & undertake activities
- Supporting youth group sessions
- Leading on activities & planning
- Supporting young people's sense of belonging and connection
- Building community ties, ensuring Care Experienced people are welcomed within communities
- Helping children and young people to have fun
- Building children and young people's confidence and self esteem
- Being a positive role model

#### What skills can I bring to this role?

- Experience of working with children (not essential)
- 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

#### What qualities do I need?

- To have a non-judgemental approach to people, and to 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

#### When will I be needed?

- Regular groups and events, as well as planning meetings.
- Groups will be held fortnightly, on Wednesday 4.30-6pm

#### Location

- Centrestage, 15 Elmbank Drive, Kilmarnock KA1 3AE with regular outings

#### 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
- Gaining leadership skills & experience in the third sector
- Having fun!
- CV Expansion

#### What support will I be given?

- Volunteer Induction and extensive training
- Role specific training & ongoing development opportunities
- Expenses –all out-of-pocket expenses will be reimbursed
- Supervision and support from your group lead and volunteer coordinator

### **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.

### **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\***