

Volunteering opportunity



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Name of Organisation: Who Cares? Scotland

Title of Volunteer Opportunity: Group Work Support Volunteer

ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY

Group Work Support Volunteer:

Purpose and Aims of the role:

We are looking for volunteers who can provide a strong foundation to help strengthen their communities by helping Care Experienced children and young people engage in activities to build their skills and confidence and to be included, understood, respected, and valued in their communities.

The Group Work Support Volunteer role will work alongside our innovative and energetic East Lothian project team, supporting the delivery of the fortnightly East Lothian Champions Board groups. The group allows Care Experienced children and young people to build connections with others and provides a platform for them to raise their views and experiences to promote change.

This role will involve interacting with young people aged 12-17 through supporting and leading on a variety of activities e.g. arts/crafts/sports/general youth work at our fortnightly sessions as well as at our National events that happen throughout the year. This role will help build connection and belonging for Care Experienced young people and provide a platform to allow them to influence positive change. Providing transport to young people to and from the fortnightly sessions is a key need for the group.

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?

- Supporting staff to undertake activities
- Leading on activities
- 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?

- A knowledge and understanding of issues affecting Care Experienced people.
- Ability to work well in a team.
- Good communication and listening skills.
- Ability to encourage and motivate others to participate in activities.

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.
- 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?

- Groups will be fortnightly, between 4:30 and 6:00pm. We are also looking for drivers to support transporting young people from 4:00pm.

Location

- Musselburgh, East Lothian

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
- Practical experience of working in a team.
- Experience working with children and young people.
- Have fun!

What support will I be given?

- Induction
- Role specific training and information
- Expenses/Mileage – all out-of-pocket expenses will be reimbursed
- Supervision and support from a dedicated Volunteer Coordinator
- Group supervision/peer support sessions with other volunteers and staff

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.

How to apply: please complete a short application form on our website - <https://www.whocaresscotland.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

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

