

Volunteer Role Description

Volunteer Role:	Befriender
Responsible to:	Project Worker
Location:	Various locations around Edinburgh
Hours:	Variable days – 2 to 3 hours each week
Commitment:	One year from the completion of volunteer training

Role

Space at Youth Befriending provides one-to-one befriending for children and young people aged 5-16 though supporting them to learn new skills and provide a social experience for children and young people who are experiencing difficulties in their lives due to parental drug and alcohol use. Through the befriending relationship the child / young person and the befriender may touch on topics such as increasing self-esteem; dealing with worries; respect for others, with the main aim of building a trusting and reliable relationship with an adult and working towards set outcomes.

Key Tasks

- Organise and undertake weekly activities with a young person, including collecting them from their home or school and returning them home safely to their parent / carers.
- Build a relationship with a young person that is focused on their needs and abilities which is focused around set outcomes.
- Support and encourage the child or young person's personal and social development.
- Help the child or young person to increase self-esteem and confidence through praise and recognition.
- Create opportunities for the young person to experience new activities and develop their interests.
- Reviewing children / young people involvement in the befriending by providing Detailed Records on the child / young person following each session.

Specific Requirements

- Must be 18 years or older.
- No qualifications are necessary, as full volunteer training will be provided.
- Experience of spending time with children and young people is desirable.
- Some knowledge of the current issues affecting children and young people and their families.
- Good communication skills with children, young people and families.
- An ability to recognise positive qualities and skills that a child or young person may have.

Core Requirements

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- Positive and realistic commitment to volunteering
- Adaptable to new and demanding situations
- Involves others in decision-making
- Sensitivity to the needs of others
- Self-assures and positive outlook
- Responsible and accountable
- Desire to learn and help others to learn
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Our Commitment to you:

1. Introduction and Training

- Introduction to the work of Space at Youth Befriending and the work of The Broomhouse Hub.
- Introduction to the work, policies and procedures of The Broomhouse Hub, its staff and your volunteer role.
- Training opportunities are available throughout your time with Space at Youth Befriending.

2. Support & Supervision

- Support and Supervision will take place at least once every 3 months with your designated project worker. This will last a minimum of 30min.

3. Insurance

- Public liability Insurance cover is provided for you whilst working as a volunteer within Space at Youth Befriending.

4. Complaints/Grievances

- Commitment to endeavour to resolve in a fair and just manner any problems, grievances or difficulties that may be encountered while you volunteer with us.

5. Policies/Procedures

- All work undertaken by volunteers is covered by The Broomhouse Hub Volunteer Policy. Volunteering work will be underpinned in each organisational Policies/Procedures.

6. Criminal Record Checks

- All volunteer roles are subject to an Enhanced Protecting Vulnerable Groups Check. Please note Volunteering work cannot commence until this check is completed.