

Volunteer Opportunities

Mentor

The Mentoring Programme aims to increase confidence, self-esteem and support young people to make positive choices through 1:1 support, befriending and fun activities. Volunteer Mentors act as role models and support a young



person through a difficult stage in their lives.

Suggested Time Commitment: 1-3 hours per week for 3 to 12 months

Buddy Up

Buddy Up is a befriending project which supports children and young people with disabilities and are at risk of becoming socially isolated. Each young person referred to Buddy Up, is supported by a volunteer 'Buddy' within a social setting, allowing the young person to interact with their peers, and gain greater social and independence skills.

Suggested Time Commitment: 2-4 hours per week for approx. 12 months

Employability Support

Our Employability Support Volunteers help us deliver employability support through our careers and enterprise provision. They support young people's career aspirations, celebrate their skills, experiences and qualities. They help us to encourage them to take opportunities both in and out of the centre, that develop their skills and employability prospects.

Suggested Time Commitment: 1 off sessions; regular sessions throughout the year; or work placements

Reception & Administration

Our Reception and Administration Volunteers are the face of our Youth Zone. They welcome in young people with a smiling face and a warm 'hello'. In addition to this, they provide us with vital administrative support that allows us to run sessions for young people that build their confidence, social skills and overall wellbeing.

Suggested Time Commitment: 1 evening per week

Media Assistants

Our Volunteer Media Assistants are the eyes and ears of our Youth Zone! Working with the Communications Team, they find us content that'll promote a positive image of young people and help us to build support from the local community. In turn, this helps us to continue to run sessions for young people that build their confidence, social skills and overall wellbeing.

Suggested Time Commitment: 1 evening per week

Engagement and Activities Youth Workers

Our Volunteer Engagement and Activities Youth Workers are at the forefront of our sessions. Positioned within the recreation area, they help to create a fun, safe, supportive environment where they engage with young people in a variety of different ways; think playing pool, hosting FIFA tournaments or just having a chat with a young person. In doing so, you will help to build their confidence, social skills and overall wellbeing.

Suggested Time Commitment: 1 evening per week



Catering and Tuck Shop

Our Catering and Tuck Shop Volunteers help us to provide young people with a hearty, affordable meal for only £1. They're the friendly faces who support the smooth running of sessions by making sure bellies are full and minds are engaged.

Suggested Time Commitment:- 4 hours per week

Specialist Skill

Do you have a special skill that you think our young people would be interested in? If so, you can really make this role your own! We're looking for volunteers who can inspire our young people to think creatively, dream big and look at the world a little differently. If this sounds like something you could do, then we want to hear from you!

Suggested Time Commitment:- 4 hours per week

Life Skills

Our Volunteer Life Skills Youth Workers help us to deliver sessions that bring young people together to learn independent living skills, primarily in the kitchen, but with a wider focus on general wellbeing.

Suggested Time Commitment:- 4 hours per week

Minibus Driver

Our Volunteer Drivers make it possible for us to offer exciting trips for the young people who come to our Youth Zone. In addition to this, they provide us with vital logistical support (by picking up donations from partners in the community) that allows us to run sessions for young people.

Suggested Time Commitment:- 4 hours per week



STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)

Our Volunteer STEAM Youth Workers help us to deliver our 'makers space' sessions that bring young people together to celebrate STEAM. They support young people's creative skills and encourage them to explore new ideas through the use of different materials and equipment to build their confidence, social skills and overall wellbeing.

Suggested Time Commitment:- 4 hours per week

Finance

Do you have a special skill that you think will support our back-office functions and finance work? We're looking for volunteers who can support our back-office teams and want to support our amazing work with young people. Without the back-office support, we can't continue to deliver the best services to the young people of Warrington.

Suggested Time Commitment:- 4 hours per week (or as agreed)

Events

Our Events Volunteers help us to run ad hoc events throughout the year that promote the Youth Zone, get people talking about us and generate support.

Suggested Time Commitment:- 4 hours per week

Inclusion

Our Volunteer Inclusion Youth Workers help us deliver specialist sessions that provide young people with additional needs/disabilities the opportunity to engage with their peers in a range of dynamic and engaging activities. These sessions provide a supportive and safe environment in which young people with additional support needs can build their confidence and their families or guardians can connect. The sessions promote their independence and explore/develop their skills, interests, and aspirations.

Suggested Time Commitment:- 4 hours per week

Outdoor Adventure

Our outdoor adventure volunteers will help us to deliver outdoor based trips and sessions to our young people and families. They encourage young people and their families to stretch their comfort zones through trying new activities, explore new surroundings safely, and build skills and confidence in the outdoors

Suggested Time Commitment:- 4 hours per week

For more information about volunteering opportunities at Warrington Youth Zone, please contact our Volunteer Managers at Volunteer@wyz.org.uk

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