



**KINGSTON CARERS'
NETWORK**
Improving the lives of carers in Kingston



**Young
Carers'
Project**



Young Carer Activities Volunteer (School Holidays) Role Details

Background:

Kingston Carers' Network is a charity that supports carers in the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames. A carer is someone who is providing support, unpaid, to a friend or family member who has a physical illness, disability, ill mental health or substance misuse issue. Our Young Carers' Project supports carers who are between the ages of 5 – 18.

How you can help:

We are looking for volunteers to lend a hand at our activities and day trips for young carers. Most activities and trips take place in the school holidays. You will be sent a list of upcoming activities and can simply choose which you would like to help out at.

Previous trips/activities have included: Horse riding, ice skating, Harry Potter studio tour, drama workshops, cookery workshops, sports, arts and crafts, and more!

Location:

Activities and trips take place in various locations. Usually, they take place in Kingston and the surrounding areas, but occasionally there are day trips to other locations such as London or the seaside. Transport is provided for trips further afield.

Possible tasks include:

- Joining in activities
- Encouraging the young people to participate
- Food preparation
- Assisting with set-up and pack-down
- Being available to listen to the young carers
- Using your initiative and lending a hand wherever you see help is needed
- Others – if you have a skill that you think would be beneficial (i.e. sports, craft etc.), let us know!

We ask that you would:

- Carry out Level 1 Child Protection Training (online)
- Attend annual training events
- Undergo an Enhanced DBS check

Time Commitment:

Most activities and trips take place in the school holidays. This is a flexible role. We will send you a list of upcoming activities and you will let us know which you are available to help at. We ask that you volunteer at least once every 6 months.

Benefits:

- The opportunity to help our young carers to build their confidence and have a break from their caring role
- Gain experience working with young people
- Ongoing support from the Yong Carers' Team and volunteer manager

Expenditure:

- Your out-of-pocket travel expenses will be reimbursed.

A great Activity Enabler will be:

- Reliable
- Committed
- Patient
- Non-discriminatory
- A good communicator/listener

What happens next?

- **If you are interested in applying for the role, or would like to find out more, contact Lyndsey at volunteering@kingstoncarers.org.uk or 07458 305 350**
- Lyndsey will then send you an application form to complete
- Once this is returned, Lyndsey will invite you to have an informal chat, either over Zoom or in person
- If you decide to go ahead, Lyndsey will send off for your references and DBS (criminal records) check, and you will complete your online safeguarding training
- We will then invite you to come along for a trial activity

At Kingston Carers' Network we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults. We expect all volunteers to share this commitment. Safer recruitment practice and background checks will be undertaken before any role is offered.

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