



Youth Worker Support Volunteer

Youth Workers can have a powerful influence on a young person. They can shape their outlook and provide them with new opportunities which can change the course of their life. YMCA MK is growing a team of inspiring youth work volunteers who are excited by supporting staff to harness and develop a young person's potential. Youth Work Volunteers will support staff to lead community programmes aimed at young people between the ages of 11 and 18. Through these programmes, they will empower young people to explore and understand their ideas, values and beliefs; building their confidence and life skills.

Volunteer Qualities:

We are looking for empathetic individuals who have some background in working with young people.

Volunteers need to be committed to dedicating a minimum amount of time with the YMCA MK (agreed with the appropriate manager), be reliable and consistent.

Our youth clubs welcome those from all areas of society, faiths and cultures. The most important thing is that you can interact with young people from all different backgrounds and respect varying views and beliefs to those of your own.

Volunteers must be able to work using their own initiative and be capable of working with individuals and small groups of residents.

We need confident, self-motivated, proactive volunteers who are excellent at building relationships and are practical to the needs of the young people at YMCA youth clubs.



Here for young people
Here for communities
Here for you

YMCA enables people to develop their full potential in mind, body and spirit. Inspired by, and faithful to, our Christian values, we create supportive, inclusive and energising communities, where young people can truly belong, contribute and thrive.



Role Expectations:

- To support Youth Workers in our community youth clubs to co-supervise groups of young people and the activities running at each session. This may include informal learning, workshops, games, community or environmental projects, outdoor activities, and sporting activities in a variety of settings including face to face, virtual and outreach/detached.
- Establish and maintain positive relationships with young people, fostering a safe and inclusive environment.
- Creatively engaging young people in an asset based and person-centred way.
- We ask for a commitment of one session a week (typically between 3-5 hours), and we are looking for excellent support skills.
- We require volunteers who can maintain professional boundaries and understand the expectation of the role.
- You need to be 18 or over and we will be investing in you through regular ongoing training, supervision, mentoring and support. This should be considered something you are likely to commit to long term (minimum of 12 weeks) due to the time we will be investing.

Duties & Responsibilities:

- Co-supervise groups of young people and the activities running at each session. This may include informal learning, workshops, games, community or environmental projects, outdoor activities, and sporting activities in a variety of settings including face to face, virtual and outreach/detached.
- Establish and maintain positive relationships with young people, fostering a safe and inclusive environment.
- Creatively engaging young people in an asset based and person-centred way.
- Help staff to ensure equipment is set out in preparation for the session to begin and put away safely at the end of each session.
- To encourage respect and tolerance towards others who have different beliefs, non-beliefs, disability, gender, identity or values, including those from other cultures, faiths and backgrounds.
- Report any instances of safeguarding, or any other concerns to management.