

English Teaching Volunteer (Croydon)

Young Roots aims to improve the wellbeing and life chances of young refugees and asylum seekers. We work directly with young refugees and asylum seekers in the UK and operate through trusted community-based partners in Lebanon.

ROLE DESCRIPTION

We are looking for volunteers to help us run informal English classes at our youth club in Croydon. Ideally you will have prior experience in teaching, particularly teaching English as foreign language. Our youth club is a space where 11–25-year-old refugees and asylum seekers come to hang out, do workshops and activities and seek support with issues in their lives. The group runs every Thursday from 4:30 to 7:30 pm in East Croydon.

As a volunteer you would be required to attend 2 hours of the session, at least two times per month for at least 6 months.

In this role you will:

1. Be responsible to plan the English session and deliver it with staff and volunteer's support.
2. Assist the project staff to effectively deliver, monitor and evaluate the project.
3. Respect confidentiality and contribute to debriefs after the session.
4. If interested, to help on occasional trips locally and in central London (weekdays and/ or Saturdays).
5. Attend two (2) sessions per month for a minimum of 6 months.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

You will need to be able to demonstrate the following:

Essential

- Enthusiasm and commitment to supporting young refugees and asylum seekers and to take part in activities.
- Willingness to take part in safeguarding training.
- Experience of working or volunteering with young people
- Understanding and commitment to youth participation principles, as outlined in the attached document.
- Good communication skills.
- Good team working and interpersonal skills.
- Some experience in a formal or informal education role.
- A flexible approach.
- Some understanding of the challenges faced by refugees, asylum seekers and migrants in the UK.

- Be able to commit for at least 6 months.
- Be interested in youthwork and young people participation in decision-making.

Desirable

- Ability to speak the following language(s): Pashto, Dari, Arabic, Tigrinya, Amharic, Vietnamese
- Experience of working or volunteering with refugees and asylum seekers or direct experience of the asylum system in the UK.
- ESOL, TEFL or other English teaching qualifications.

TO APPLY If you would like to apply for this position, please email your CV and a cover letter to london@youngroots.org.uk.

Interviews will take place at the youth group.

Young Roots is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults. Successful applicants will be required to undertake a criminal record check via the Disclosure and Barring Service. A criminal record will not automatically prevent you from being considered for this role.

Young Roots recognises the positive value of diversity, promotes equity and challenges discrimination. We welcome and encourage applications from people of all backgrounds. As an organisation that supports refugees, asylum seekers and migrants, we particularly welcome applications from those within these communities.