



Volunteer Youth Workers (Croydon)

Young Roots works directly with young refugees and asylum seekers in North London and Croydon, aiming to improve their wellbeing and life chances.

We are looking for two **youth work volunteers** to assist in running our weekly youth club supporting young refugees and asylum seekers in Croydon. The group runs on Thursdays from 4:30 – 7.30pm and includes workshops, creative projects, games and food. For these roles we are especially looking for volunteers who are able to provide English support and create activities in a fun and relaxed way.

We ask volunteers for a one-year commitment as this helps build trust and connection with the young people we work with. All volunteers will need to provide 2 references, undergo a Young Roots DBS check and attend Young Roots safeguarding training. Travel expenses within Greater London are covered.

Young Roots recognises the positive value of diversity, promotes equality and challenges discrimination. We welcome and encourage job applications from people of all backgrounds. As an organisation that supports refugees, asylum seekers and migrants, we particularly welcome applications from within these communities, as they are currently under-represented in the organisation.

Days: Thursdays

Hours: 4:30 – 8pm

Workplace: Youth club 10 minutes from East Croydon station

Commitment: 1 year

Start date: ASAP

Please see below for the role description and person specification and to apply, email completed application forms to Michele Kirschstein at london@youngroots.org.uk

Application deadline: 5pm Wednesday 11th October

Interviews: Tuesday 17th October

ROLE DESCRIPTION

In this role you will:

1. Work with the Project Worker and other volunteers and young people to run and support a weekly activity project for young refugees and asylum seekers in Croydon.
2. Help set up, run, clear up and evaluate activities with project staff.
3. If interested, volunteer supporting holiday activities in half terms and school holidays as agreed with Project Manager and Project Worker.
4. Report any problems, accidents or concerns to project staff.
5. Read, understand and agree to Young Roots' child protection/safeguarding policy.
6. Attend and take part in training as agreed with Project Worker and Project Manager.
7. Attend and take part in supervision meetings with the Project Workers when necessary (usually not more than once a term).
8. Inform project staff immediately if you are unable to attend one or more session or if you will be late.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Essential

- Enthusiasm and commitment to the project
- Willingness to take part in training
- Interest in working with young people aged 11-25 years old
- Reliable and punctual
- Good team working skills
- Good command of English
- Good leadership skills
- Good communication skills
- Understanding of child protection issues and issues young refugees and asylum seekers face
- Willingness to undergo an enhanced DBS check
- Understanding and commitment to youth participation principles, as outlined in the attached document

Desirable

- Experience of working with refugees and asylum seekers
- Experience of working with young people
- Ability to speak refugee community language(s)
- Experience in music, sports, English teaching or other skills you could lead sessions in
- Able to commit for 1 year of volunteering