



Group and/or Trip Volunteers

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 **Groups & Trips Volunteers** to assist in running our weekly activities, occasional Saturday trips, and/or occasional week day trips during school holidays, supporting young refugees and asylum seekers in Brent and Croydon.

The **youth club** activities include workshops, creative projects, games and help with English. For these roles we are especially looking for volunteers who are able to support and create social or educational activities in a fun and relaxed way.

Our **football project** in Brent would suit someone who is enthusiastic about working with young refugees and is keen to be involved in the activity, ideally with some experience of running sports/ football activities.

Our **trips** in Brent and Croydon, would suit someone who is enthusiastic about working with young refugees and is friendly and sociable. Trips so far included: visiting London attractions and museums, bowling, ice-skating, cinema and trips to Brighton.

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 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, as they are currently under-represented in the organisation.

BRENT

Days: Tuesday 5- to 7.30pm (youth club), Thursday 5.30pm to 7pm (football) or a few trips per year (11am to 5pm)

CROYDON

Days: Thursday 4pm to 8pm (youth club) or a few trips per year (11am to 5pm)

Location: East Croydon and Willesden/ Kensal Rise. Meeting points for trips will be in Croydon and Brent.

Commitment: 1 year

Start date: ASAP

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

Application deadline: ASAP / Rolling deadline **Interviews:** TBC

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 youth club for young refugees and asylum seekers in Brent/ Croydon.
2. Work with the Project Worker, Young Roots Coach and young people to run and support a weekly football project for young refugees and asylum seekers in Brent.
3. Work with the Project Worker or Service Manager and other volunteers and young people to run and support Saturday trips for young refugees from Brent/ Croydon.
4. Help set up, run, clear up and evaluate activities with project staff, including participating in debrief meetings at the end of the activity.
5. Report any problems, accidents or concerns to project staff.
6. Read, understand and agree to Young Roots' child protection/safeguarding policy.
7. Attend and take part in training as agreed with Project Worker and Service Manager.
8. Attend and take part in supervision meetings with the Project Workers when necessary (usually not more than once a term).
9. 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
- Experience of participating/ running football projects (only applies to those interested in volunteering in our football project)
- Able to commit for 1 year of volunteering