

Events Volunteers

Young Roots is a London-based charity working with young refugees and asylum seekers aged 11-25. We support young people to improve their wellbeing and fulfil their potential, through intensive one-to-one Casework, youth and sporting activities, English language mentoring, youth leadership and access to specialist therapeutic and legal advice.

ROLE DESCRIPTION

Join us in 2024 as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of Young Roots. Throughout the year, we will be promoting various challenge events for supporters to take part in, such as swimming festivals, extreme endurance competitions, and running races. We will also be organising several of our own events, including a supporter engagement event with the Other Side of Hope, and our annual comedy fundraiser hosted by Suzi Ruffell. Our calendar of activities is growing, and we are looking for a team of volunteers to help us run these events smoothly and successfully.

As an event volunteer, you will play a key role in the success of Young Roots' events, which showcase our work and raise funds for our vital services. You will have a range of responsibilities, which could include helping with the raffle at our annual comedy night, cheering on our runners at a half marathon, or supporting the set-up of our internal events. You will also have the opportunity to meet new people, learn new skills, and enjoy free entry to various events. By volunteering with us, you will join a team that stands with young refugees, supporting them to improve their wellbeing and fulfil their potential. If you share our passion for making a positive impact on the lives of young refugees in the UK, we would love to welcome you to the team.

In this role, you may be asked to:

- meet and greet participants and spectators.
- help set up and clear down events.
- support participants as they take part in challenge events, such as by cheering on the sidelines or handing out refreshments.
- help with the administration of events.
- support the running of fundraising activities on the day, e.g., raffle.
- assist staff to effectively deliver, monitor, and evaluate events.
- attend a range of events, most of them taking place on the weekend.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

You will need to be able to demonstrate the following:

Essential

- Good communication skills
- Ability to commit to at least two volunteering events in 2024, with most events taking place in the London area
- Good team working and interpersonal skills
- Flexible and willing to volunteer outdoors
- Enthusiastic about Young Roots and helping at events
- Willing to work as part of a team

Desirable

- Experience in supporter stewardship
- Being able to support at 3 events in a year
- Experience in event planning & management
- Eager to make a difference to the overall cause
- Some understanding of the challenges faced by refugees and asylum seekers in the UK

TO APPLY

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

We are looking to recruit volunteers to start in January 2024 but will keep the position open and interview candidates on a rolling basis.

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 with lived experience of the asylum system.