



Action to Grow Project Volunteer Language Mentor

Young Roots aims to improve the wellbeing and life chances of young refugees and asylum seekers.

We have an exciting volunteer opportunity to join our project in Brent to support our work with 11-25 year old refugees and asylum seekers. We are looking to recruit up to 10 Language Mentors to help facilitate English learning sessions with young people, one-to-one or in a small group, every Wednesday 5-8:30pm. The Wednesday sessions form part of our hub, where young people can come to access this English support as well as advice and casework, and our football activity.

What you'll get from the role:

- Experience working in a positive team environment in a dynamic organisation
- Experience of working with young refugees and asylum seekers
- The opportunity to make a real and direct difference in young peoples' lives

*"I really enjoy it (at YR) and there are opportunities for personal development."
– Volunteer quote from external evaluation report*

What you'll do in the role:

1. Provide a safe and welcoming environment for young asylum seekers and refugees
2. Help facilitate English learning sessions with young people, one-to-one or in a small group including running games and welcome activities in Brent (Willesden Junction) Wednesdays 5-8:30pm.
3. Help the Project Coordinator/ Project Worker to run games and welcome activities
4. Assist the Project Coordinator and Project Worker to effectively deliver, monitor and evaluate the project
5. If interested, to volunteer on occasional trips in central London and support project staff to meet and accompany young people back.
6. Respect confidentiality and contribute to debriefs after the session

*"This is a very nurturing organisation - they really care about the young people and want to see them in the best possible position. They want to empower rather than solve their problems for them."
– Volunteer quote from external evaluation report*

Please see below for the person specifications and information on how to apply.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

In order to be successful in this position you will need to be able to demonstrate the following:

Essential

- Enthusiasm and commitment to supporting young refugees and asylum seekers
- Willingness to take part in training
- Understanding and commitment to youth participation principles, as outlined in the attached document
- Good communication skills
- Good organisational skills
- Good team working and interpersonal skills
- A flexible approach
- Ability to deliver resources in an informative, informal and imaginative manner
- Understanding of some of the challenges faced by refugees, asylum seekers and migrants in the UK, and sympathy for clients facing such challenges
- Be able to commit for at least 6 months

Desirable

- Experience of working or volunteering with young people
- Have experience of teaching English as a foreign language
- Ability to speak refugee community language(s)
- Experience of working or volunteering with refugees and asylum seekers

TO APPLY

If you would like to apply for this position, please email completed **application forms** to volunteering@youngroots.org.uk by **9am on Tuesday 18th June**.

Interviews will take place on Tuesday 25th June in Brent (location tbc).

If you would like further information, please contact Michele at volunteering@youngroots.org.uk

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 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.