

## ROLE: YOUTH ACTIVITY VOLUNTEER

<b>Day:</b>	<b>Brent</b>
<b>Time:</b>	Either Wednesdays or Thursdays
<b>Frequency:</b>	5 – 8pm
<b>Commitment</b>	Weekly
	6 months (minimum)



**Who we're looking for:** *Someone who is outgoing, personable and has a passion for working with young refugees and asylum seekers. You will be very adaptable to changing circumstances, and excellent at problem solving. You will be happy working independently, supporting a busy and committed team of staff members.*

### ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES

The hub (Wednesday evenings 5-8pm) is a space where young people can come to see a solicitor, a psychologist, learn English or join a sports club- all in the same space. Young people usually move between the activities and volunteers will take on a variety of roles within this setting. It's a busy, constantly moving event which is great fun.

The youth club (Thursday evenings 5-7.30pm) is a smaller group of young people who come to play table tennis, table football, cook a meal and seek advice on specific issues on a one-to-one basis. There is also an English conversation table. This setting is youth-led and would suit a volunteer wanting to encourage young people to take the lead in all aspects of the activity.

### ROLE DESCRIPTION

Young Roots is carefully planning a return to face-to-face meetings with young refugees and asylum seekers and we are actively seeking two volunteers to support our regular activities (one for Wednesday, one for Thursday). We ask for at least 6 months' commitment

Our youth activity volunteers will work closely with our staff team in two venues in North London. You can apply for either the hub on Wednesday evenings or the Youth Club on Thursday evenings.

Youth activity volunteers with Young Roots assist young refugees and asylum seekers aged 11-25 on a one to one basis and within groups to feel welcome. This may involve encouraging young people to join a new activity, start up a game, or seek specific advice from one of the visiting services.

The role will also involve:

- Setting up and clearing away the sessions
- Completing registration forms and basic monitoring information
- Debriefing with the staff team on key actions and any safeguarding concerns

Full training and support will be provided. During this time of Coronavirus, you will be provided with PPE where required, and part of detailed discussions on risk assessments to protect you, staff and the young people from transmission. The sessions will not go ahead if we enter a second lockdown phase.

## PERSON SPECIFICATION

We are keen to hear from people who may have these skills:

At our hub (on Wednesday evenings) we are looking for a sports volunteer who can help guide facilitated sessions in basketball, cricket and football.

At our youth club (on Thursday evenings) we are looking for volunteers to guide young people in cooking, advise young people on a range of subjects including employment and/or volunteering opportunities, youth leadership as well as helping young people apply for various documents like a driving licence, or hardship grants.

Those with lived experience of being a refugee or migrant are particularly encouraged to apply.

	<i>(E = Essential; D = Desirable)</i>	<b>E</b>	<b>D</b>
Enthusiasm and commitment to supporting young refugees and asylum seekers and understanding of the challenges they may face		X	
Strong communication skills, expressing yourself clearly and simply with young people		X	
A flexible approach		X	
Understanding and commitment to youth participation principles, as outlined in Young Roots' Youth Participation statement		X	
Be able to commit for at least 6 months		X	
Willingness to take part in training		X	
Prior experience of working with young people from different backgrounds with limited English language skills			X
Ability to speak refugee community language(s) (Pashto, Dari, Arabic, Tigrinya, Vietnamese, Sorani, Amharic and Albanian)			X
<i>For the hub:</i> sports interest (particularly basketball, cricket and/or football)			X
<i>For the youth club:</i> cooking skills, or skills in giving advice to young people			X