

Support Volunteer



Organisation: The Dash Club

Status: Part-time voluntary

Location: Possilpark, Glasgow/various

Website: www.dashclubglasgow.org.uk

We are looking for dedicated volunteers who are passionate about experiences of secondary aged young people with special needs. Volunteers will have the opportunity to develop skills based around care, teamwork, leadership, communication and interpersonal skills. Successful appointments will be based on the volunteer's desire to enhance their skills and their dedication to improving the experiences of young disabled people. Successful applicants will be required to go through PVG checks.

We are interested in applications from people from various and diverse backgrounds of the following groups: Long term unemployed, single parents, young and mature people, women, disabled, black or ethnic minority and/or LGBT+ people.

About the Dash Club

The Dash Club delivers after school and holiday programs for young people with disabilities who are aged 11 to 14 years old. Originally created in 1999 in response to an obvious gap in informal education for disabled children in Glasgow. All our clients have a learning disability combined with a physical and/or visual impairment. Additionally, many come from disadvantaged backgrounds such as having more than one disabled child in family, coming from single parent background and/or living in living in areas of multiple deprivation. We offer those young people the opportunity to socialise in afterschool activities where they get to improve their mental and physical health through sport, art, games, social outings, trips and residential events all in safe environments.

1. Work Location

Volunteers will mostly work within the Glasgow region. However, there may be occasions in which volunteers may have to travel out with. Travel costs and other expenses for volunteer work will be reimbursed.

2. Purpose of the Position

Successful applicants will work with The Dash Club to support staff members to run after school activities for young disabled people and assist in their care in a safe and inclusive environment.

3. Responsibilities and Duties

- Volunteers will be expected to undergo training to help skills in health and safety, first aid and dealing with young disabled people.
- To assist in the event set up of after school activities.
- Volunteers will assist in the recording of their own development throughout the programme.
- Volunteers will work side by side with the Support Workers to make sure sessions and events run smoothly

4. Qualifications

No qualifications are required for voluntary positions. However, successful applicants will be based on dependability, a polite manner and will need to demonstrate a passion for improving conditions for disabled people.

5. Commitment Expected

The programme will last roughly for six months in which volunteers are expected to do a minimum of 4 hours per week.

6. Support and Benefits

As previously stated volunteers will be offered training. The Volunteer Coordinator will also be there to provide assistance to volunteers and ask any questions. Volunteers will also be credited based on the number of hours they do and have the opportunity to earn credits and qualifications from the role

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