Information for Volunteers

Youth Work Essentials Training for Adult Volunteers

Saturday 8th May 2021 11-5pm, The Smiddy, Balmaclellan. Lunch provided.

We need to hear from you by the 4th May for signing up to the training day.

If you can't make the full day let us know as we can arrange separate sessions for you.

We're looking for adult volunteers (18+) in the Glenkens who would like to help with running of our pop-up youth spaces in the Glenkens between June- August 2021 as part of our youth spaces project and who may be interested in paid for youth work supporting the continuation of these youth spaces going forward in our villages.

We are hoping to build on skills locally to be able to provide youth club provision for our young people- something the Community Action Plan has identified and that young people have told us they need locally.

What is the time commitment?

The time commitment for the project over the Summer could be as little as 2.5 hrs every two weeks or once a month if that's what you can spare. Or up to 3 hrs a week. This will be in the evening or at weekends or occasionally during the day-time during school holidays.

What will this volunteer work will look like?

Supporting youth club sessions at New Galloway Town Hall – helping with activities, being there for a chat, setting up the space.

Supporting outdoor sessions in the park during August with our trial of an outdoor pop-up youth club.

Supporting bus trips as a responsible adult on board to get young people to and from youth clubs in Castle Douglas and back (or if you're interested in becoming a mini bus driver let us know – Galloway Community Transport can provide free training and work opportunities for individuals 25+ who have been driving for 3 years.)

I'm not sure I have the skills or confidence to help?

Through the training day and project over the Summer you will be supported to grow your skills and confidence- you will always be supported by a professional youth worker at the sessions over the Summer.

You will receive:

Free youth work essentials training from D&G Council

Paid for PVG registration or updates to your registration for work with young people and children

Safeguarding and child protection overview from Glenkens Community & Arts Trust

This training will give you the confidence to support youth work sessions- where a professional youth worker will be present.

Is this an opportunity to move on to paid work or further training?

The training, PVG registration and experience supporting sessions with us over the Summer will give you the experience needed to seek paid for work with D&G Council casual youth work team across the region. It will also give you the option of being put on the council listing for youth work training and work opportunities. Locally, you can be added to our CatStrand Youth pool of support workers and we can offer paid work opportunities within the Glenkens throughout the year to support youth work activities and sessions in New Galloway and Balmaclellan.

Rough Time Line and Type of Session we'll need support with:

Workshops/ Meetings at CatStrand – 2-4 workshop sessions during May, June, July & August

New Galloway Town Hall youth club sessions – 6 weeks of sessions in June/July

New Galloway Park Sessions – 4 day visit in August from BREATHE pop up space with activities in the park

Bus service from Glenkens to Castle Douglas – weekly service which needs a project worker on board – June/July

Bus trips to Gatehouse YMCA and Kirkcudbright Youth Project – project worker on board- June

My Pod Sessions in Balmacllelan, New Galloway, Dalry, Crossmichael and Carsphairn – supporting council service to deliver sessions in the mobile youth space My Pod.

Help with even 2-3 of these sessions would make a big difference!

For any more information on the project or the training on offer please do get in touch with your local group contact – or speak to Aidan aidan@catstrand.com 01644 420374.

Thankyou for your interest in this opportunity!

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