

Volunteer Role:

Children & Young People's Service (CYPS) Volunteer

Location:

Across Surrey (event based)

Role Overview:

As a CYPS Volunteer, you will support children and young people who are blind or partially sighted – as well as their siblings and families – at fun and inclusive activities. From arts and crafts to skiing and climbing, no two events are ever the same! You'll help ensure participants are safe, engaged, and having a great time.

Key Responsibilities:

- Assist children and young people during organised events.
- Offer support and encouragement during various activities (e.g. arts, sports).
- Provide 1:1 supervision at events where children attend independently of parents/carers.
- Be a friendly, reassuring presence for both children and families.
- Work alongside the CYPS team and other volunteers to ensure smooth delivery of events.

Skills and Experience:

- Experience of working or volunteering with children/young people is helpful.
- Must be reliable, with strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Willing to complete relevant training (e.g. safeguarding, lone working, sighted guiding).
- An enhanced DBS check and registration with the DBS Update Service is required (provided at no cost).

Training and Support Provided:

- Sensory Awareness Training
- Drop in monthly BSL sessions.
- Reimbursement of agreed travel and volunteer expenses.
- Opportunities for further training and involvement in community events.
- Sighted guide training
- Safeguarding training

Commitment

- Monthly or ad hoc based on your availability.
- Events mainly take place during weekends and school holidays,
 with occasional evening opportunities.

Volunteers are required to have an enhanced check via the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). Sensory Services by Sight for Surrey would apply for this on your behalf at no cost to yourself.

To apply for this role, please visit our website at https://sightforsurrey.org.uk/get-involved/volunteering/