

Volunteer Role Description

Young People Pathway Service

Post:	Activities Volunteer
Salary:	Unpaid
Accountable to:	Team Leader
Location:	Cygnets House, Selby, YO8 4PQ

Young People Pathway Supported Accommodation

Foundation is the lead provider of the North Yorkshire County Council's Young People's Pathway. The Pathway provides a multi-agency service across the County to young people aged 16-25 years who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The service works with those whose family relationships have broken down where the young person is not able to stay at /return home, and young people leaving care. Within the service there are two Pathways, this post will work in Pathway 2, which provides accommodation support for up to 2 years in hostels and dispersed properties across the County.

Our support helps young people access education, employment, and/or training to help them develop the skills needed to live independently and manage a tenancy. Our team of Housing Support Workers carry a case load of YPP clients and provide 121 housing-related support services in our hostels and the local community. Support is tailored to help address client's individual needs and is designed to maximise their independence whilst working towards their successful move-on into independent living.

Training:

Our training team provide a wide range of courses covering mental health and personal development. Volunteers can access Community Links Training free of cost on completion of mandatory induction training and attendance. Volunteers can also access our preferred online training platform free of cost.

Some mandatory training will be required as part of the role, this includes volunteer induction training.

Outline of the Role:

- To join-in and support activities with individuals or groups. Sharing your own experiences and creative skills. Various times and days dependant on the activity supporting – in the communal room of our office/ client rooms and in the community.
- To support and have influence over the development, planning and evaluation of the activities.
- Keep in regular contact with your named lead and report any issues or concerns.
- Regular supervision is included in our offer of support.

- Out of pocket expenses are reimbursed.
- We offer flexible hours based on your availability.

We are looking for people who will embrace the principles and values that we promote in a way that supports our client group.

We want our volunteers to come from all walks of life, with a range of experiences and skills to offer. There are no specific educational qualifications required and we recruit volunteers with potential, as well as those with relevant experience or qualifications. These are some of the qualities we expect a volunteer to have:

- Be comfortable working on their own, relying on their own initiative and common sense, but also know when to seek support
- Reliable, punctual, kind and courteous
- Positive attitude and willing to learn
- Able to problem solve, with help from the team

This role has the option of developing over time, dependent on individual's experience and skillset.

All volunteers with will be expected to:

- Adhere to our policies and procedures relating to the safeguarding of vulnerable children and adults. - Abide by the confidentiality policy and the other policies and procedures of the service.
- Establish and maintain appropriate boundaries with the clients they work with.
- Offer an accepting and understanding approach and work within a non-discriminatory framework.
- Provide input which acknowledges a persons' right to make decisions for themselves, which is non-judgmental and supports the individual to achieve their goals.
- Be consistent and dependable when working with clients, Foundation staff and other relevant professionals.
- Refer any concerns about a client to the appropriate member of staff and complete feedback forms.
- This role would suit someone who was able to seek support if needed.

To apply for this volunteer role please complete the Inspire North/Foundation Volunteer Application Form accompanying this role description.

If you have any questions about the volunteer role, please contact Rachel Hunter, Service Manager on Rachel.Hunter@foundationuk.org or 01757 210415.