

ADDITIONAL SUPPORTER ROLE DESCRIPTION

Additional Supporter volunteers are an essential part of our events for **deaf children and young people aged 8 to 18**. We hold week-long and weekend residential, and crèche events within the UK. You will support children and young people **with additional needs, behavioural needs and personal care**. You will also be part of a team that **supports, supervises and encourages** deaf children and young people to fully participate in activities, make new friends and gain confidence so you need to be **enthusiastic** and **energetic**!

About you

- Aged 18 years or over
- Able to identify the right methods to support children and young people to fully participate
- Ensure that the needs of children and young people are met
- Willing to get involved in activities to encourage deaf children and young people to participate
- Able to entertain deaf children and young people during free times
- Communicate effectively within your role and as part of a team
- Willing to travel within the UK and stay overnight on residential events

What you will do

- Support either an individual child or small group of children
- Provide support with additional needs, behavioural needs and personal (not intimate) care
- Support and supervise deaf children and young people to be happy, healthy and kept safe
- Encourage and support deaf children and young people to realise their potential
- Be a positive role model
- Be responsible for yourself as part of a team
- Take responsibility for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young people

When you can volunteer

- Residential events take place on weekends and during school holidays
- Crèche events take place on weekends

Training

Before volunteering within this role, you need to attend a 'Being a Youth Support Volunteer' training event. Topics covered include:

- What to expect as a Youth Support Volunteer
- Safeguarding and Child Protection
- Informed Choice
- Positive Behaviour Management
- Communication and Deaf Awareness
- Equality and Diversity



We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. You will be asked to complete an Enhanced DBS or PVG check for this role. Travel, accommodation and meals will be provided during training and residential events. We expect you to travel by public transport. Accommodation will be in shared rooms with same-sex volunteers. Agreed out-of-pocket expenses will be reimbursed.