

## COMMUNICATOR ROLE DESCRIPTION

Communicator 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 **assist two-way communication** by **translating between English and British Sign Language (BSL)**, and 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
- BSL signing skills at level 3 or above (with or without a formal qualification)
- Able to adapt your communication methods depending on individual needs and environments
- 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

- Assist two-way communication for children and adults with varied communication methods
- Translate between English and British Sign Language (BSL)
- 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.