

'Pathways to Employment' volunteer*Helping Young People Get Ready for Work and Life***What Is Friends of North Tyneside?**

Friends of North Tyneside is a new project bringing together teams of volunteers aged 50+ to help improve the lives of children, young people and older lonely residents. Each volunteer will commit to giving two days per week for 12 weeks to help plan and carry out a community project. The project is delivered by VODA, a charity providing advice, training, information and support to volunteers and community organisations in North Tyneside.

Pathways to Employment Role Description

A recent report highlighted the low numbers of young people with special education needs and disabilities (SEND successfully moving into employment or taking up apprenticeships). The majority of these young people are capable of employment given the right preparation and support. The Pathways to Employment project will provide young people with a fun and exciting programme of activities to helping them get ready for work and life.

What Will I Be Doing?

You will volunteer as part of a team, playing a vital role helping young people aged 16-24 to develop their skills, confidence and aspirations. You will be supported to:

- plan and deliver group activities helping young people to develop their teamwork, leadership and communication skills
- support young people to set up their own community enterprise and then trade at a local business park
- work alongside young people to carry out volunteering challenges enabling them to interact with members of the local community
- help young people to track their progress throughout the programme, using their experiences to enhance their CV and prepare for future job interviews.

What Skills and Experience Do I Need?

Volunteers do not require any qualifications or previous experience, but should be:

- passionate about supporting young people to develop their skills and confidence
- able to commit two days per week for 12 weeks
- willing to work as part of a team
- willing to undertake a criminal records check
- willing to take part in evaluation activity throughout the programme.

What Can I Expect From VODA?

In return for your valuable help we aim to ensure that your volunteering experience is fulfilling and worthwhile. VODA will provide you with:

- a dedicated member of staff to offer support and advice at all times
- training and induction relevant to the role
- reimbursement of all agreed out of pocket expenditure, including travel expenses.

What's In It For Me?

Not only will you be making a huge difference to the lives of some of the most vulnerable young people in North Tyneside, you will also have the chance to:

- make new friends
- develop new skills as well as using your existing skills
- put your spare time to good use
- take on a new challenge
- receive reward and recognition from the community.

I'm Interested – What Do I Do Next?

Anyone interested in this role should contact Amy Millar or Ian Dodds at VODA. They will be delighted to hear from you:

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VODA is committed to equal opportunities and diversity. This commitment extends to our volunteers and we welcome everyone from our community as a volunteer. We will not discriminate against our volunteers on any grounds.