



# FRIENDS OF NORTH TYNESIDE

## 'Child's Play' volunteer

### *Helping Children Get The Best Start In 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.

#### **Fun and Games Role Description**

Every child should experience a positive early childhood, which prepares them for school and provides the foundations for lifelong success. Volunteers will support activity at Cedarwood Trust, a community development charity working on the Meadow Well Estate of North Tyneside, ensuring children get the best start in life.

#### **What Will I Be Doing?**

You will volunteer as part of a team, playing a vital role in helping to provide opportunities for children to develop both emotionally and physically. You will help to:

- support the delivery of activities for children from pre-birth to 3 years old from lunch clubs and parenting groups to baby massage and bonding activities, to ensure that the newest members of our community have the best start possible
- deliver softplay and 'messy play' sessions throughout Chirton and Riverside Wards including Percy Main and Balkwell
- offer support to local families to help prepare their children for nursery and school.
- plan and deliver after-school activities at the Cedarwood Trust 'Play Lab' - a new science-related play facility for children in the Meadow Well Estate

#### **What Skills and Experience Do I Need?**

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

- passionate about supporting children to get the best start in life
- able to commit two days per week for 12 weeks from 22 January 2018
- willing to work as part of a team
- willing to undertake any criminal records check deemed necessary for the role
- willing to take part in evaluation activity throughout the programme.



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## 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 residents 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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