



Play Worker

Volunteer Task Description and Person Specification

Role	Play Worker Volunteer
Reporting to	Youth and Community Manager
Time Period	Ongoing

Aims of Play Project

- To organise play focused activities involving the local community
- To organise sports, games, craft activities for children aged 5-14 years
- To help develop indoor and outdoor spaces to make them better for children and families to play in
- To campaign on play related issues
- To actively promote the charity providing information about the services Child Dynamix has to offer
- To support and engage others in charity event opportunities

Task available for volunteers

- To help plan and deliver play sessions
- To help supervise the children during the sessions
- To help prepare snacks during the play sessions
- To help organise and support community events
- To help with consultation events
- To help distribute publicity about the Play Project
- To represent and promote the Play Project within your community
- To attend local meetings or presentations with project staff
- To come up with ideas for donations where appropriate
- To help with fundraising initiatives and activities

Personal qualities:

<p>Relevant experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous experience of working with children and families paid or voluntary • Bringing up own family or looking after others children • A good understanding and willingness to follow health and safety procedures as well as manual handling procedures when moving or lifting equipment. 	<p>Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Happy to communicate with different people • Comfortable in different social settings i.e schools, community groups, meetings • Enthusiastic about the Play Project vision • Willing to develop skills around working with confidence in the community <p>Skills in art, craft, cooking, computers, sports etc</p>
<p>Knowledge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committed to learning more about play work, child protection, Health and Safety i.e. risk assessments, first aid • A desire to undertake role specific training and a commitment to learning 	<p>Communication skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to communicate with children and families • Contactable via telephone and/or email • Happy to talk with other volunteers at team meeting
<p>Competencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Happy to work under the guidance and support of Youth and Community Manager and Senior Play Workers • Maintain regular contact with named mentor from play team • Happy to work with other volunteers and be supportive to others • Able to maintain confidentiality • Keep any receipts needed to claim expenses • Able to manage your own time and be punctual and presentable • Able to use your initiative and ask for support when needed 	<p>Respect,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect for others’ opinions, beliefs and points of view • Has empathy for children, young people, adults and families that the Play Project works with • Comply with all policies, procedures and code of conduct set by Child Dynamix

Due to the nature of this volunteering work the provisions of Section 4(2) of the 1974 Rehabilitation of Offenders Act do not apply.

Information about convictions, which for other purposes are “spent” must therefore be disclosed but may not exclude you from becoming a volunteer with Child Dynamix.

Applicants will need to give permission for an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check to be made.

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