

# Be the Difference – Volunteer for us and help change young lives

## Creative Volunteer

Can you enable young people growing up in challenging and dynamic environments feel inspired, supported, happy and safe?

We're looking for an individual with youth work, art and creative skills, able to work with our team in the Youth Zone. As a **Creative Volunteer** you'll work in our busy **Manchester Youth Zone** and help support our staff with **Art, Music, Performing Arts, etc.** and help shape delivery.

**The Art Zone** is where young people can get creative and use their imagination. Art is a way in which young people can express themselves individually and build self-confidence. Activities include drawing and painting, textiles and crafts, upcycling, animation, trips out, basically just being your creative self.

**Music** is very popular at the Youth Zone. We have our own recording equipment and a variety of instruments for the young people to use, we even have our own band! If you were able to teach instruments, run karaoke workshops, help out with sound production and support with a variety of events, we'd love to hear from you!

**Performing Arts** is an area of activity attracting young people to the centre and providing them with opportunities to maintain a healthy lifestyle, develop new skills, and participate in performances. You'll get the opportunity to work with our aspiring dancers and actors, lead energetic and inspiring sessions with our young people as well as have fun.

As a volunteer within the Youth Zone, you'll be around some great people, who will ensure that there is always something on for the young people to be involved with! It's loud, can get messy, but above everything it will be fun!

# STUFF WE WANT FROM YOU!

- Someone fun with fresh and original ideas for sessions.
- Be friendly and approachable for our young people, staff and other volunteers.
- Willing to join in with other Youth Zone activities.
- We'd love you to be a good motivator.
- If you have craft, animation, photography or any other creative skills that would be great.
- We want you to be punctual and reliable, positive and enthusiastic.
- You'll need to support our charity aims and objectives, to provide the best support and experiences for our young people.

- We'll make sure you have a full induction and all the relevant training to enable you to hit the ground running.
- We'll buddy you up with our Youth Work team who will make you feel welcome and introduce you to our young people.
- You'll work alongside our fab staff team and other volunteers.
- You'll have an opportunity to practice and improve your creative skills at the same time as teaching others.
- Volunteering has proven wellbeing benefits, it increases happiness, improves self-confidence and self-esteem.
- You'll have the opportunity to learn new skills and develop your soft skills which will enhance your future job prospects.
- Get that warm fuzzy feeling knowing you're helping others.
- You get to be part of transforming the lives of young people and inspiring the next generation.

# STUFF YOU'LL GET FROM US!

# THE BORING (but important!) STUFF

In accordance with our Recruitment and Selection Policy, we are not able to accept applications from current or former members, Young Leaders or regular service users for safeguarding reasons, for a period of at least one year since they last attended Manchester Youth Zone (nee The Factory Youth Zone) in this capacity.

In accordance with our safeguarding procedures, this position requires a DBS check.

The Manchester Youth Zone is an equal opportunities organisation and welcomes applications from all sections of the community.