

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

Sports 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 and play work skills, able to work with our team in the Youth Zone. As a **Sports Volunteer** you'll work in our busy **Manchester Youth Zone** and help support our youth provision and help shape delivery.

With a wealth of sport and creative activities, MYZ currently welcomes almost 1,000 young people each week. We work to raise our member's aspirations, and to equip them with the tools they need to increase their confidence, build positive relationships and add to their own community.

As a **Sports Volunteer** you will be an integral part of delivering and facilitating sports activities within and outside of the Youth Zone. Our Volunteers have a wide range of sporting interests and gain experience in coaching and delivering recreational sport. You will also get the opportunity to be involved in our Junior Choices programme, a 10-week programme for young people at risk of child criminal exploitation.

Some of the sports we deliver include football, basketball, dodgeball, badminton, tennis, volleyball, hockey, rock climbing, and many more.

As a volunteer within the Youth Zone, you will 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 with a passion for sport with fresh and original ideas for sessions.
- Be supportive and patient, friendly and approachable for our young people, staff and other volunteers.
- If you have a coaching qualification that would be great!
- Willing to join in with other Youth Zone activities.
- We'd love you to be a good motivator.
- 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 Session Leads and Sports Workers 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 sports coaching 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.