

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

Youth & Play 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 **Youth & Play Work 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 **Play Work Volunteer** on Junior Sessions (ages 8-12), you'll understand the importance of play and the development of young people. You will be involved in a wide range of activities from traditional board games and baking to sports and messy play.

As a **Youth Work Volunteer**, you will work with young people on a variety of youth focused projects that are interesting, positive, safe and respond to the diverse concerns of our members.

We regularly have young people with various additional needs attend the centre, and as a team we are here to help all young people reach their full potential.

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 fun with fresh and original ideas for sessions.
- Be supportive and patient, 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.
- 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 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 youth and play 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.