



Stay and Play Volunteers - Role Description and Person Specification

Overview

Are you passionate about making a difference in your community? We're seeking volunteers for our weekly Wednesday Stay and Play sessions. This role is an excellent opportunity for parents of young children seeking more community involvement, or for students looking to gain practical experience in a community setting.

Details

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| Role | Stay and Play Volunteer |
| When? | Term time Wednesdays, 9am – 12pm (flexible depending on availability). Minimum commitment 2 sessions/month for 3 months. |
| Where? | The Round Chapel Old School Rooms, 2 Powerscroft Road, Lower Clapton E5 0PU |
| Benefits | This is a voluntary role. Lunch is provided and local travel expenses are reimbursed Safeguarding and other relevant training is provided as needed |
| How to apply | Complete volunteer application form and send to alex@theroundchapel.org.uk |
| Supported by | Alex Collings, Families Project Coordinator |
| Contact | alex@theroundchapel.org call/text/whatsapp 07375574336 |

About the Project

Our Wednesday Stay and Play sessions provide a welcoming space for parents with children under 5. We offer a structured program that includes free-play, snack time, story-time circle and songs with the aim of supporting child development and community connections. The project is part of and contributes to our Families Project supporting local at-risk families and families living in temporary accommodation.

Role and Responsibilities (flexible depending on your interests and skills):

- Help the team to set up, run and pack away the stay and play
- Welcome families (especially new starters) and help keep the space safe in line with our risk assessment
- Build relationships with families attending the Stay and Play sessions and signpost to Round Chapel staff
- Assist in the kitchen, making teas and coffees, and preparing snacks.
- Run the Free Shop, set it up, keep it tidy and encourage people to make use of it
- Facilitate a craft/activity table or lead a singing or story-time session (if interested).

Person Specification - we are looking for someone who is:

- Kind, patient, enthusiastic, and interested in children and families. (Experience working with children is desirable but not required)
- Proactive, reliable, and able to commit to 3 Stay and Play sessions a month for at least 6 weeks.
- Calm, non-judgmental and empathetic
- Good at communicating with people and working in a team.
- Willing to attend safeguarding training outside of your volunteering hours.

Benefits

- Supportive volunteering environment as part of a friendly and committed team.
- Experience working for a grassroots community organisation.
- Experience of working with families and children.
- Ongoing support, supervision, and professional development opportunities