

Trip Volunteer Role Details

Wider World is a Bristol non-profit helping children develop mindset and character strengths through stimulating enrichment experiences. We work with children aged 8 to 12yrs whose families cannot currently afford the out-of-school enrichment activities that many take for granted. Each programme is designed to support children to build a set of soft skills research has proven to be critical to success in life.

The Opportunity: We are seeking Trip Volunteers to help us build our capacity and deliver our ambitious programme of activities over the Summer holidays and beyond.

Job Description: Trip Volunteer: Supported and led by the Group Leader, you will accompany 12 children on up to 13 activity days over a six-month period. You must be able to commit to at least 6 days over the duration of the programme.

Format of the Days: The Group Leader, along with the Volunteers will meet the children at the pick-up point (usually school gates) and accompany them by minibus to the planned activities. Usually there will be two main activities within each day. At the end of the day you will return with the children to the assigned collection point.

Provisional first dates: Mon 18th, Tues 19th, Wed 20th December 2017. Further dates to follow, expected to be in February, April and June

Trip Volunteer responsibilities:

- Encourage participation from all of the children and support them to get the most out of the programme and achieve the 'soft skills' elements of the programme
- Support the Group Leader's communication of expectations and required behaviours from the children, positively managing any challenging behaviours and conflicts arising within the group
- Be aware of and work within Wider World policies and procedures including (but not limited to) behaviour, safeguarding, health and safety and first aid
- Work with the Group Leader to ensure children complete the evaluations, and encourage parents/carers to provide feedback
- Work as part of the Wider World team to ensure the successful outcome of the programmes for all involved

Person specification:

Essential: energetic, enthusiastic, fun attitude; ability to engage and inspire, bring out the best in children and encourage participation; ability to deal assertively and positively with sometimes difficult behaviour / conflict; understanding of group dynamics and ability to deal positively with different personality types; ability to work as part of a team; reliability and ability to commit to the 2-day programme of activities; interest in activity areas

Desirable: experience of working with children aged 8-12; currently holds up to date safeguarding and paediatric first aid training certificates (or willing to take these)

To apply: please send your CV and covering letter by Wed 8th November to Jonothan by email: jonothan.hope@wider-world.org.uk or call 07779086892 for an informal chat.