

## Play Volunteer Role Description

<b>Role/ Title</b>	Play Volunteer
<b>Responsible to (main point of contact)</b>	MYC Group Coordinator
<b>Description</b>	Play Volunteers engage in child-led play with children 0-5yrs, interacting in a supportive and attentive way, while their mums access individual and group therapeutic support. We follow a child-led approach, allowing the children to guide and direct play while providing safe structure through the morning including the provision of a range of toys and craft, snack time and plenty of time outside to run and explore (weather permitting!). Sessions run every Tuesday and Friday through term time, with families accessing the project for up to 2 years. We hope that Play Volunteers undertake the role for a minimum of 6 months.
<b>Duties/ Responsibilities</b>	<p>A Play Volunteer will...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• assist in the set up for the morning session, setting out toys and equipment</li> <li>• assist in the pack down after sessions, ensuring the Meeting House and garden are left as found</li> <li>• develop positive and trusted relationships with the children through child-led play</li> <li>• assist with snack time</li> <li>• be alert to keep children safe during indoor and outdoor play</li> <li>• observe and support interactions between children</li> <li>• share any observations from the sessions with MYC Coordinator during debriefs</li> <li>• report all Safeguarding concerns to MYC Coordinator or Safeguarding Lead</li> </ul>
<b>Skills/ Knowledge/ Attributes</b>	<p>A Play Volunteer will...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be aged 18 or over</li> <li>• be kind, caring and non-judgemental</li> <li>• enjoy being with children</li> <li>• be a positive role model</li> <li>• have patience and compassion</li> <li>• maintain confidentiality</li> <li>• be able to commit to spending at minimum 1 morning per week (term time)</li> </ul>
<b>Desirable experience</b>	<p>A Play Volunteer will have experience of...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• supporting/ working/ volunteering with children under 5yrs.</li> <li>• or have children or grandchildren of their own</li> </ul>
<b>Training</b>	<p>A Play Volunteer will...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• need to attend the first session's introduction and training</li> <li>• need to complete the FOTF Safeguarding training</li> <li>• be offered subsequent training opportunities relevant to the Play Volunteer role</li> </ul>
<b>Time commitment</b>	<p>A Play Volunteer will be expected to...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• spend at least 1 morning per week at MYC group (Tuesday and/or Friday, 9:30am-12:30pm)</li> <li>• undertake the role for a minimum of 6 months/2 school terms. The ideal volunteer will be able to join us for a year, in order to build positive and trusted relationships with the children and mums.</li> <li>• be present for debriefs after groups (12:15-12:30pm)</li> </ul>
<b>Location</b>	<p>A Play Volunteer will...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• attend sessions at the Quaker Meeting House in central Winchester: 16 Colebrook Street, Winchester SO23 9LH</li> </ul>
<b>Benefits</b>	<p>A Play Volunteer can expect...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a comprehensive induction</li> <li>• regular support and debriefs</li> <li>• ongoing training opportunities that are relevant to the role offered</li> <li>• opportunities to attend regular volunteer get-togethers provided</li> </ul>

**NB. This post is subject to a clear Enhanced DBS check.**