

5s to 13s Befriender Role Profile



Role	5s to 13s Befriender
Responsible to (main point of contact)	Sam Hunt 5s to 13s Befriending Manager
Description	A volunteer befriender offers non-judgemental support and friendship to a focus child aged between 5 and 13 years for two hours a week for 12 months.
Duties/Responsibilities	A volunteer befriender will... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spend two hours a week with the focus child in and outside the child's home • develop positive relationships with family members built on trust and confidentiality • offer respect, help and sustained emotional support to the focus child and family during difficult times • encourage and support the focus child and their family to discover their own solutions to the problems they are facing • use own life experiences and skills to encourage the focus child to build their self-confidence
Requirements	A volunteer befriender will... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be aged 23 or over • enjoy being with children, prepared to plan and resource child-led activities • be kind, caring and non-judgemental • maintain confidentiality • be a positive role model • have patience to support a child through a difficult period in their life • following an offer of the befriending role, be required to undertake or provide evidence of a clear enhanced DBS certificate and be subject to two reference checks
Desirable experience	A volunteer befriender will... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have experience of supporting/working/volunteering with children aged 5 to 13 years and/or have children or grandchildren of their own • preferably be able to drive and have access to a car that could be used in their voluntary role
Training	A volunteer befriender will... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be required to complete FOTF safeguarding training and attend two full days befriender training prior to the role beginning • be expected to attend subsequent training opportunities provided by FOTF that are relevant to the befriending role
Time commitment	A volunteer befriender will be expected to... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spend 2 hours a week visiting a child after school or at weekends • undertake the role for a minimum of 1 year • be available for regular supervision with the Project Manager via telephone, email and occasionally in person
Location	A volunteer befriender will be... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • matched to a focus child who lives in the city of Winchester or surrounding villages • prepared to make visits to places of interest in the local area with the focus child
Benefits	A volunteer befriender can expect... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a comprehensive induction training programme • regular supervision and support • ongoing training opportunities that are relevant to the role • opportunities to attend regular volunteer get-togethers • reasonable travel expenses to be reimbursed in line with our Volunteer Policy