



Youth Club Volunteer role description

Global Youth is a weekly youth club providing a safe, relaxed space where young people can come together to enjoy a variety of informal and structured activities. The sessions provide sports activities, arts and recreational projects, informal advice and support, and external trips and residential.

The young people who attend Global Youth are aged 14-18 and have mostly arrived in the UK alone, from countries including Eritrea, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, Sudan, Syria, Albania and Vietnam. Some live in foster care, others with their relatives and some live independently. Some stay in placements long term and others are moved around frequently.

The young people may have experienced trauma or be living in disadvantaged situations. Their levels of English, access to education, and support systems vary a lot. Global Youth addresses the multiple and differing needs of the young people who attend.



Volunteers

We are looking for friendly, enthusiastic, motivated, reliable and consistent volunteers to support and enthuse young people at the youth club. Volunteers support the sessions in a number of ways including meeting and befriending young people, getting involved in games and activities, and ensuring young people feel safe and welcome.

Global Youth runs weekly during school term time:

Thursdays, 4.30-8.30pm

At Knights Youth Centre, 27 Streatham Place, Streatham Hill, SW2 4QQ.

During the school holidays there is no youth club: instead we run trips and other activities.

For this role to be mutually beneficial we ask that you are able to give a regular commitment (attending sessions weekly or fortnightly), and have at least six months of availability.

Main volunteer activities

- Establish positive relationships with young people; support them to form positive friendships and increase their self-confidence and their ability to enjoy and achieve.
- Assist in leading groups of young people in specific sports, games, cooking, craft or learning activities
- Help to set up and clear away activities and refreshments
- Promote the safety and wellbeing of young people
- Assist with relevant administrative tasks (registration, session reflections, incidents, accidents) to facilitate the smooth running of each session.

Essential Skills and Characteristics

- A commitment to the wellbeing and development of young people
- A non-judgemental attitude and empathy towards the needs of refugees, asylum seekers and unaccompanied young people
- Enthusiasm, motivation and initiative
- An approachable and friendly manner
- Punctuality and reliability.

About SLRA

South London Refugee Association (SLRA) supports refugees, asylum seekers and vulnerable migrants who live, work or study in South London. SLRA provides advice and support to assist our clients to build stable and secure lives for themselves and their families.

Through our support we aim to:

- > Reduce isolation
- > Improve health and wellbeing
- > Promote equal access to service provision
- > Relieve stress and poverty

In addition to youth club, we run two weekly advice drop-ins for adult clients and families, ESOL classes for adults, a women's group, and a programme of positive activities and outings.

If you have the relevant skills and availability for this volunteering role, we would love to hear from you.

Contact information

Please complete our volunteer application form and send it to Semsem Hassan:

- > by email: semsem@slr-a.org.uk
- > or by post: SLRA, The Woodlawns Centre, 16 Leigham Court Road, SW16 2PJ