



VOLUNTEER WITH HCYC

(Registered Charity No: 1151111)



What does HCYC do?

HCYC is a small, local charity working across Harborough District.

We deliver play and youth work support through daytime, after school, or evening activity and support sessions in both rural parishes and in specific disadvantaged communities. Also, we help young people run a youth magazine project to share and validate their different views and experiences.

We were formed in 2012 by local people to meet gaps in play and youth work support, especially for isolated and disadvantaged children and young people.

Quality provision which upholds and supports the rights of children and young people is the cornerstone of our work.

What kind of volunteer roles are there?

Play and Youth Work Support Volunteer

This is the main volunteering role at HCYC. In this role you will support the Leader and Assistant to deliver an activity session. This might mean helping with a craft activity, a physical game or challenge, or a cooking activity for example, and spending some time chatting with children or young people, listening to their concerns or worries, or sharing their joys.

Administration Volunteer

We often need a hand with some of the behind the scenes tasks involved in running a play and youth work charity. Talk to us about what skills you think you can offer, and we will look at options for you to help with a variety of tasks.

Fundraising Volunteer

As a small charity we are always in need of funding to keep us going. If you have some ideas to raise funds, time to organise these ideas, or some good contacts who could help, the fundraising volunteer role might be just right for you.

How much time will I be expected to volunteer for?

As little as 2 hours a week, or more if you can spare it. Our activity sessions are usually 1.5 hours long, and staff and volunteers need to stay for both a brief beforehand, and a debrief afterwards.

Do I need any qualifications?

The simple answer is “No”.

What we look for in a volunteer is someone who upholds the same principles as the organisation. You need to be non-judgemental, a good listener, care about children and young people from lots of different backgrounds, and be ready to learn. This applies to any voluntary role within HCYC.

At HCYC safeguarding children and young people is central to all we do so all roles are subject to an appropriate level of Disclosure and Barring Service checks, and references will be required.

Will I get any training and support?

Yes. You will be given a full induction into the organisation before you start.

If you are working directly with children or young people, you will need to come to our locally based training sessions twice a year to help you develop your play and youth work skills, and to better understand our policies and procedures. We may also be able to offer you other external training when it is available. You will also need to come to group supervision sessions once a term.

If travel or travel costs would be a barrier to you volunteering, let us know and we can discuss how we could help.

What some young people have said about HCYC...

“It’s a place I can get all the thoughts out of my head and have fun.”

“It teaches me how to be friendly because it teaches me how to be with people.”

“I FEEL NORMAL WHEN I’M HERE.”

“It’s good because you get to be free here. I have a free choice.”

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