



Community Action Project

STEPS

Community Action Partner

Surrey Care Trust

Aim: Surrey Care Trust's vision is to transform the life chances and aspirations of local people who are marginalised by disadvantage and lack of opportunity or who need a second chance. They tackle disadvantage, social exclusion and hardship in local communities and reach out to people to equip them with the skills to improve their economic situation, to reduce their social isolation and to convince them they have a valuable contribution to make to society.

Role: Volunteers are needed for the STEPS Year 11 Programme which offers alternative education to young people aged 15-16 who have disengaged from mainstream education. There are normally up to 8 young people at any one time and whilst on the programme, they work towards awards and qualifications. STEPS work with them to increase confidence and self esteem and also help them develop independence and life skills. The volunteer would act as a third member of staff and would be there to support young people with their work, whether it would be IT, practical or leisure based. Every few weeks, they take the group on a trip out, which can be fun or educational. 2-3 times a year they go on a multi activity residential which is normally for 3-4 days. This is where young people can try activities such as climbing, skiing, abseiling, archery, kayaking and high ropes.

Training: The volunteer would be invited to an induction at the Trust's main office. This would enable them to learn more about what the charity does in full and the opportunity to ask questions. There are also opportunities to do some training on issues relating to young people which could be in child protection, drug and alcohol awareness, sexual health issues or self harm. The volunteer would have a line manager who could offer them regular supervision.

Location: Staines Learning Centre.

Times: Volunteers are needed Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays during term time. Hours would be between 9.15 - 3.15 on these days but could vary if this is a trip day.

CRB: A CRB disclosure will be required.

Other: This project has accessibility and expenses will be reimbursed.

Application: All volunteers must be registered as Community Action volunteers. To do so, visit <http://www.rhul.ac.uk/volunteering/register.html>

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