



**KINGSTON CARERS'
NETWORK**
Improving the lives of carers in Kingston



**Young
Carers'
Project**



Young Carer Mentor - Role Details

Background:

Kingston Carers Network is a charity that supports carers in the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames. A carer is someone who is providing support, unpaid, to a friend or family member who has a physical illness, disability, ill mental health or substance misuse problem. Our Young Carers Project supports carers who are between the ages of 5 – 18.

How you can help:

You will provide one-to-one mentoring support to a young carer who has been identified as having excessive or harmful caring responsibilities, or at risk of harmful caring.

Your role:

- To meet and build a trusting relationship with a young carer (mentee)
- To research, plan and participate in mentoring activities with the young carer
- To set and work towards agreed goals
- To encourage the young person to enhance their personal development and social skills, and to increase their confidence and self esteem

We ask that you would:

- Meet your mentee once a fortnight for 2 hours for a minimum of 6 months (maximum of 12 months)
- Attend a 2 session (evening) mentoring training programme
- Complete Level 1 Child Protection Training (online)
- Attend review meetings with the Mentoring Coordinator and provide feedback after each mentoring session
- Undergo an Enhanced DBS check

Benefits:

- The opportunity to help a young carer to build their confidence and achieve their goals
- Gain experience working with young people
- Free training in mentoring and child protection
- DBS check
- Ongoing support from the Mentoring Coordinator

Expenditure:

- You will be given a monthly allowance for activities
- Your travel expenses will be reimbursed

The qualities and attributes we are looking for:

No formal qualifications are needed, but we will look for some key skills and personal qualities.

A great Young Carer Mentor will be:

- Reliable
- Committed
- Patient
- Non-discriminatory
- A good communicator/listener

Training will be provided on:

- The issues affecting young carers
- Child Protection
- The boundaries of the mentoring relationship

The dates of the next mentor training workshops are:

Thursday 12th October and Thursday 19th October, 6:30pm – 9:15pm.

All potential mentors must attend both workshops.

Due to the nature of the role, all volunteers must undergo an enhanced DBS check.

Feel inspired?

If you would like to become a Young Carer Mentor, or would like to find out more, contact **Lyndsey** at volunteering@kingstoncarers.org.uk or **020 3375 8226**

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