

## Young Hackney

### Service Description

Young Hackney is the Council's Early Help and Prevention Service for all young people aged 6 – 19 or up to 25 for young people with special education needs or disabilities. Young Hackney works to ensure that all young people in the borough enjoy their youth and have support in their transition to an independent and successful adulthood. Our goal is to help remove barriers to progression and support young people to reach their full potential. We run universal services such as youth clubs and sports & citizenship activities as well as offering help for children and young people who need additional support.

### Project Description

Our Youth Hubs are spaces where young people can develop their core personal, social, emotional, and educational capabilities, develop their own agency, voice and influence. We offer a range of positive activities and youth clubs during both term time and school holidays. Some of the activities include cooking, gardening, drama, music workshops, ICT and sports activities to name but a few.

Our Hubs offer chill out areas with kitchens, TV, pool and tennis tables, video and board games, ICT suites, multi-use activity rooms, meeting rooms and consultation rooms for drop-in sessions, a sports hall, a recording studio and a garden. They are the home to a number of youth led social action projects, the Hackney Youth Parliament, North & South Forum, Hackney Gets Heard and the Hackney Youth Opportunity Fund.

### Name of Volunteering Role: Volunteer Assistant Youth Worker- Skills

**We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to organise and deliver activities and groups based on practical skills. Volunteers will use their areas of competency, skills and life experiences to inspire young people and support them to develop new skills.**

Gardening: e.g. weeding, mulching, edging, raking, digging over, clearing overgrown areas, planting and propagation, harvesting etc.

Arts and crafts: e.g. drawing and colouring, graphic/ creative and design, comics and posters, textiles etc.

Music production: e.g. operate sound equipment and programmes, recording, mixing editing, finishing and mastering; insight in the industry, record labels, promotion etc.

Dance e.g. contemporary, street dance, afro beat, Latin and many more

Where: The Edge Hub, 7 Woodberry Grove, N4 1ST or Forest Road Hub 29 Forest Road E8 1BY

When: Junior sessions delivery (6-12years old) term time 4pm-:5:30pm and/or holiday times 2-3pm  
Senior sessions delivery (12-19/25 years old), term time 6pm-7:30pm and/or 7pm,-8pm.

#### Main tasks

- To organise, plan and deliver alongside staff, activities for young people based on a particular practical skill (as above).
- To prepare session areas, provide materials and deliver activities with young people.
- To create an open, welcoming and safe space for young people in the Youth Hub, while volunteering as a part of a team of dedicated youth workers (staff and volunteers)
- To develop positive relationships with young people, while maintaining appropriate professional boundaries.
- To adhere to health and safety, safeguarding and other Young Hackney policies.
- To attend relevant training to your role and attend supervision meetings.

#### Main individual qualities

- An understanding of the issues affecting young people and/or experience gained formally or informally or life experience of working in a setting involving young people.
- A 'can do' attitude and commitment to want to support young people achieve positive outcomes.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills and the ability to build relationships with young people.
- Able to treat young people with respect and maintain professional boundaries and confidentiality.
- Basic understanding of safeguarding of children and young people.
- Able to maintain accurate records and efficiently share information where needed.

#### What you can expect from us:

- Comprehensive induction and on the role training.
- An allocated supervisor
- Support and supervision to address your learning and development needs.
- Further training and accreditation opportunities (where relevant).
- Reimbursement of agreed travel and lunch expenses.

**Disclosure and Baring Services (DBS) checks are required for this role. Positive disclosure does not automatically exclude someone from volunteering.**

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