



JUMP Volunteer Befriender Role Description

Title: JUMP Volunteer Befriender

Volunteer role description, duties and purpose:

A JUMP Volunteer Befriender's role is to provide one to one informal support and friendship to an unaccompanied asylum seeking child or young person. Once a successful link up is established, it would be important to maintain the friendship for a year and possibly beyond.

Main Tasks:

- To meet with the young person on a regular basis either weekly or fortnightly.
- To encourage self confidence and self esteem in the young person.
- To be prepared to help the young person with a range of activities for example: develop everyday life skills- e.g. how to manage on a budget, getting around London, how to take advantage of recreational or educational opportunities, how to write a cv/ applying for work experience or a job, how to interact positively with their peers and others, whatever is appropriate for the child/ young person.
- To be prepared to offer help with English, and where possible other types of academic work.
- To be prepared to enjoy cultural/ sporting activities with the young person, and to take advantage of free entertainment and other opportunities in London.
- To be prepared to accompany the young person to service providers (such a GP, solicitor).
- To be someone to talk to.
- To communicate with the project coordinator after each meeting.
- To immediately alert social services and the project coordinator to any child protection issues.



Personal Specification:

- Strong communication skills and a good level of written and spoken English.
- An understanding of confidentiality, impartiality and non-directive approach when working with young people.
- Awareness of the needs of young people. A willingness to enhance awareness of the issues facing separated children through training.
- Awareness of child protection issues or a willingness to enhance this through training.
- A desire to engage positively with young people and communicate effectively with other volunteers and staff.
- Sensitivity, empathy and common sense.
- An interest in refugee issues.
- A commitment to the work and values of JCORE.