

If you are interested in a position as a
Play Worker or Volunteer
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Yorda Adventures C.I.C 5762334 Registered in England & Wales
Providing Play and Short Breaks for Children
with Severe Learning Disabilities



Play Worker & Volunteer Application Pack

About US

Yorda Adventures supports children and young people with disabilities and their families from in and around the borough of Kingston-upon-Thames. Places on our projects are open to families who have a child or young person with a severe learning disability who needs 1:1 care. There is often high demand for our projects and we often have a waiting list.

Yorda Adventures access play and leisure activities in the community within the Borough of Kingston. We also use Southwood District Scout Hut to play and relax in. The young people who come to our projects are between the ages of 5 and 19yrs. They all have a Severe Learning Disability. They might also have Autism, Downs Syndrome or a Global Development Delay amongst other conditions.

The times and venues for our projects vary, depending on their nature. The projects we run include After School Club, which runs from 2.45-6.30pm every week day during term time; Play Scheme days often run from 10am-4pm during the school holidays; Adventure Holidays, which cover a couple of days and nights in the holidays; Saturday projects, which are sometimes just a couple of hours in the morning or afternoon; Family Days out and about; Fun Splash swimming sessions on a Saturday morning and INSET day childcare for Dysart School.

All Yorda Adventures staff are expected to work in a way that keeps the children and young people we work with safe from harm. Each member of staff is subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau check.

All Yorda Adventures staff are trained to work with the children & young people who access our projects. You will learn how to communicate effectively, how to deal with challenging behaviour and how to ensure that each young person has fun in a safe and secure environment.

Play worker & Volunteer Job Summary

Location: Southwood Scout Hut and around the community.
Hours: Variety of projects during term time and school holidays. No minimum number of hours is guaranteed
Salary: £7.00 per hour (£7.84 with holiday pay)

Purpose of Job

To work within Yorda Adventures as a play worker.
To help deliver a range of activities with high quality care in a fun way that is reflective to the needs of the young people accessing the service.

Main Responsibilities

To work as a team to support the young people accessing the project
To care for the children and young people in ways appropriate to their individual needs.
To assist the deputies and leaders to set up and prepare the rooms, activities and plans for the sessions.
To assist the deputies and leader to clean up, tidy and prepare the rooms for other users at the end of the sessions.
To follow all procedures, in line with policies, such as health and safety, manual handling and child protection.
To liaise with parents and carers in a positive manner providing accurate and factual information about their child / young person
To attend relevant staff meetings and training where appropriate.
To cover any duties as and when required by the Team leaders and deputies.

All employees will be recruited subject to an Enhanced CRB Check, two part interview and a 3 month trial

Person specification, qualifications & experience

Experience of working with children and young people **Essential**

Good communication skills with ability to effectively listen as well as verbally pass on information. **Essential**

Ability to work as an individual within a team. **Essential**

A commitment to providing high quality care for all the young people at the setting. **Essential**

A commitment to inclusion and equal opportunities for all. **Essential**

A commitment to stick to procedures learnt at all training and to carry out techniques such as moving and handling. **Essential**

A willingness to attend training and reflect on work practice **Essential**

A reasonable level of fitness to assist young people with physical activities. **Essential**

Qualification in childcare, play or education **Desirable**

Experience of working with children and young people with Disabilities **Desirable**

Awareness of equal opportunities and child protection procedures **Desirable**

Ability to respond to an emergency situation **Essential**

Activities on projects at Yorda Adventures might include:

Soft Play	Trampolining
Swimming	Companion cycling
Park & Play	Art & Craft
Bockett's Farm	Bowling
Sensory Stories	Horton Park Farm
Disco & Music	Bubbles
Water Donutting	Paulton's Park
Hollycombe Steam Fair	Mini Golf
Climbing	Water Play

Play Workers & Volunteers

If you are looking for regular, term-time work we recommend you apply for a position at our After School Club, if there are vacancies.

We cannot promise any regular work. However, when projects are being planned, you will have the opportunity to say whether you would like to work on them, or not. We will mainly need you for after school club and school holiday work, including play schemes but we may also ask you whether you are available some Saturdays or Sundays. You are welcome to say no to any work offers. If a year lapses without you working for us, however, we may ask whether you want to stay on our staff list.

We will be recruiting play workers and volunteers to be escorts for the bus journeys home and drivers for the mini buses. Yorda Adventures drivers are required to pass a MIDAS minibus test and are subject to the terms of our Minibus Policy.