

Woodcraft Folk Children's Group Helper

OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

Do you want to work with children or young people?

Are you passionate about big ideas like equality, the environment and cooperation?

The Woodcraft Folk is an educational movement for children and young people, designed to develop self-confidence and activity in society, with the aim of building a world based on equality, friendship, peace and cooperation.

We have fantastic new opportunities for volunteers to help out at cooperative children's groups across Leeds. We have groups running for under sixes, 6 – 9 years and 10 – 12s but we're planning more. Please get in touch if you're interested in groups for young people up to 16.

As a group helper you'll gain excellent skills and experience in working with children, running fun and educational activities, leadership, teamwork, and planning. You'll get an induction before you start, training, and support from experience volunteers and staff every step of the way.

We'd love to hear from you if you can see the funny side, want to get involved in your local community, and want to share your skills and interests as well as develop new ones. Above all you must like children and be up for working cooperatively yourself.

As a group helper you will:

- Support leaders by encouraging good behaviour
- Support individual children with additional needs
- Encourage children to participate fully
- Help to keep activities running smoothly with tasks such as taking the register or getting the room ready

As you gain skills and confidence yourself you might:

- Contribute your ideas to the planning and running of weeknight activities in line with the aims and principles of Woodcraft Folk
- Lead an activity during a weeknight session
- Share a skill you have such as singing or craft
- Help out with more 'backstage' tasks like fundraising or maintaining the group website
- Share what you've learnt with a newer volunteer

APPOINTMENT

Please apply by emailing ellie@woodcraft detailing:

- Where in Leeds you are
- What age group you want to work with
- Any particular skills you'd like to share (eg. music, craft, bushcraft)
- Any other talents which you may want to share!

We will invite you for an informal chat, and you may be able to visit one of our groups before you start.

Because it is working with young people this role will require a DBS check.

We will also ask for two character references.

EXPENSES

Out of pocket expenses (including travel) can be agreed with the volunteer coordinator before starting the post.

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