

Volunteer Activities Sessional Driver

Warwickshire Young Carers (WYC) exists to improve the lives of young carers and young adult carers by offering free, confidential support through a range of services to assist them to manage their lives around their caring responsibilities.

Our respite service offers a variety of activities that create opportunities to develop friendships, reduce isolation, increase confidence, improve wellbeing and experience new life opportunities all whilst getting a much-needed break from caring.

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join our dedicated support team to facilitate activity delivery for children and young people aged 6 to 25. We need drivers to provide transport so that carers in hard-to-reach locations can access our activities. If you are a car owner with a full driving licence, held for a minimum of 2 years, and you have a passion to work with children and young adults to help them to achieve fulfilled lives alongside caring, then WYC is the place for you to bring your skills and experiences and join our dynamic team.

Volunteer Activities Sessional Drivers are required across the county of Warwickshire. You can select to volunteer in North Warwickshire, Nuneaton, Bedworth, Rugby, Warwick or Stratford-upon-Avon, or you could choose your location and a neighbouring area depending on how much available time you wish to commit.

The role of Volunteer Activities Sessional Driver involves: -

- Operating in a team of staff and volunteers to facilitate transport to and from activities organised by the WYC team
- Communicating with children, young people and their families at pick-up and drop-off points
- Promoting involvement through a friendly driving experience to maximise enjoyment and ensure group members get the best from activities
- Providing transport in line with operational policies & procedures, transport plans and risk assessments to maintain the safety & welfare of group members and to ensure they understand and adhere to appropriate rules
- Keeping calm in instances of challenge during transport journeys
- Maintaining contact with the Activity Lead Worker to update on travel issues, as appropriate
- Complying with confidentiality and safeguarding procedures

Our activities take place around school and college hours - late afternoons, evenings, occasional weekend sessions with the odd residential trip, and day times during school holidays.

As a driver using your own vehicle, it is necessary to perform a driving license check and have a copy of a current MOT certificate for your vehicle and insurance certificate stating the appropriate insurance cover exists to transport passengers on business use of you as the policyholder.

What we offer our volunteers includes: -

- Induction training to learn about the organisation, its operations and young carers and young adult carers
- Role training to equip you with everything you need to confidently work as an Activities Sessional Driver
- DBS check and Safeguarding training
- Out-of-pocket travel expenses – mileage incurred using own vehicle
- Ongoing support through periodic supervision sessions with the sessional worker team
- A cheerful and welcoming staff team with a huge passion for supporting young carers and young adult carers

If you have the time, energy and desire to support young carers and young adult carers in your local area across Warwickshire please apply at this link

<https://forms.office.com/e/XYtE0sRBGM>

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