

Role Title: Volunteer Befriender	Responsible to: Line Manager
Where (Location):	To provide Befriending sessions to allocated Young Carers within Warwickshire in groups of 3. Ideally you will work within your locality.
Time commitment:	2-4 hours per week Befriending will be delivered in sessions lasting 1-2 hours in venues agreed with the Young Carers, such as the park, museum, McDonalds etc.
Role:	To befriend Young Carers in small groups, to improve their self-confidence, emotional health and wellbeing, reducing their social isolation and promote their independence and resilience.
Responsibilities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To collect Young Carers from home or school and return them to their home after the session. • To meet with Young Carers with whom you have been matched, building a relationship of friendship and trust. • To give the young people time to chat about how they are, their interests and what they have been doing whilst listening to any worries they may have. • To complete a contact sheet after each call. • To participate in regular supervision with the Line Manager. • To uphold Warwickshire Young Carers core principles, vision, culture and values and abide by the policies and procedures as per the Befriender handbook. • To report any disclosure, or concerns regarding a young person's welfare.
Qualities and Skills required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be reliable and have a genuine interest in making a difference in the lives of Young Carers. • To hold a full, clean driving licence. • To have access to a car that is insured for business use. • Good communication skills. • Patience and a warm and friendly attitude. • Active listening skills and a non-judgemental approach to young people. • To be active and mobile enough to be able to manage activities that require walking etc.
Training and support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You will be required to attend the Befriending Induction training and participate in further training and/or networking events which may be offered. • Ongoing support and supervision will be given by your line manager either in person or via Zoom/telephone. • Regular reviews will take place and an opportunity given for peer support through networking events with other Befrienders. • Regular updates and news from the WYC Befriending Service will be sent to you by email.
Any other Requirements	Due to the vulnerable nature of the people we support, we will require two references and DBS checks. Further details will be discussed with you at recruitment.