

## **Volunteer Community Outreach Worker**

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 staff team offers family support, respite activities, befriending, and community engagement opportunities to assist children, young people and their families to develop support networks, improve wellbeing and experience new opportunities to equip them to better cope with caring and live fulfilled lives.

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join our dedicated support team to assist in firmly putting young carers and young adult carers on the map in Warwickshire. We need community outreach workers to raise awareness of our service and the support that is available as many carers remain hidden from view. If you are a strong communicator with a willingness to speak out 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 Community Outreach Workers 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 Community Outreach Worker involves: -**

- Operating in a team of staff and volunteers to assist in raising the profile of young carers & young adult carers and the services of WYC to support their needs
- Representing WYC at community engagement events, hosting an information stand to share information about the service with external agencies and Warwickshire residents
- Delivering Young Carer Awareness assemblies in education settings to connect with hidden young carers and educate school staff teams about who young carers are, what they do and the support they need to thrive
- Contributing to circulation of awareness raising materials in the local community in-person, by email or letter mailshots
- Assisting to gather feedback from young carers and young adult carers so their voices are accurately represented in WYC information and communications
- Identifying viable partnership links and fundraising opportunities that align with the values of WYC and the services offered to young carers and young adult carers
- Complying with confidentiality and safeguarding procedures, as appropriate

Our outreach work takes place predominantly during school, college and business hours. Occasionally there may be a requirement to attend public community events that occur at weekends. This role offers scope and will evolve around the needs of the organisation and the capabilities of the volunteer. There will be flexibility in time and availability as outreach will depend on community opportunities becoming available.

**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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