



## Volunteer role profile

Thank you for your interest in becoming a volunteer mentor with Chance UK. We hugely appreciate the time, commitment and energy that goes into mentoring a child.

We provide solution focused mentoring for children aged 5-13 experiencing behavioural and emotional difficulties, alongside group workshops designed to build social and emotional skills and resilience. Our volunteers mentor their matched child through **one mentoring session per week** to help build the child's self-esteem and confidence.

### What will I be doing?

- Mentors will need to be able to volunteer **2-4 hours every week** (excluding travel time) with their matched child for **6-9 months** (to be done via online platforms during Covid-19).
- You will plan your weekly sessions with support and guidance from one of our Programme Managers.
- These sessions should consist of fun and engaging 'problem-free' time away from the child's home and school that will help boost the child's self-esteem.
- While the mentoring takes place via online platforms, there are lots of fun and creative activities you can do with your child including quizzes, writing stories, playing games and creating art.
- Volunteer mentors and children also attend group sessions on certain programmes that help to build up social and emotional skills.
- You'll receive comprehensive mentor training (including Safeguarding training) and have the support of a Chance UK Programme Manager throughout your time as a volunteer mentor.

**Please take this level of commitment into consideration before applying.** Being able to offer consistency and stability to the children we work with is of the utmost importance; these children need to know you will be there for them each week.

### Volunteer criteria

- You will need to:
  - provide two professional or academic references
  - complete the volunteer mentor training and an informal interview
  - DBS (police) checks are mandatory for all volunteers - Chance UK will cover the cost of this.
- **We welcome volunteers from all walks of life.** You don't need any specific qualifications or experience to become a volunteer mentor.
- Chance UK provides volunteers with a monthly budget to cover the costs of the weekly mentoring sessions. We also reimburse travel expenses up to £40 a month with valid receipts.

If you're prepared to turn up each week with a positive attitude to listen to and support them with the challenges they face - then we would love to hear from you!

**There are no formal qualifications needed to become a volunteer mentor, but we do look for some specific qualities:**



| Attributes  |  |
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| <b>Displays a positive approach to working with children in challenging circumstances</b> | Strong understanding of challenges children face             |
|   | Having a child-centred approach                              |
|   | Tenacious and resilient when faced with challenges           |
|   | A solutions-focused approach to problems                     |
| <b>Can build and maintain positive relationships</b>                                      | Good communicator  |
|   | Ability to build trust                                       |
|   | Supportive and encouraging                                   |
|   | A reliable and positive role model                           |
| <b>Promotes psychological and emotional safety</b>  | Displays clear and appropriate boundaries                    |
|   | Able to empathise  |
|   | Shows emotional maturity                                     |
| <b>Commitment to participating in and delivering a structured programme</b>               | Reliable and consistent                                      |
|   | Willingness to learn and implement a range of techniques     |
|   | Commitment to planning and adapting activities               |
|   | Maintaining a continuous dialogue with the Programme Manager |

### How to apply

Click [here for our online application form](#).

Please email [volunteer@chanceuk.com](mailto:volunteer@chanceuk.com) if you have any questions.