



THE FRIENDS OF Rowntree Park

Very Young Friends group leader(s)

<p>About the role</p>	<p>Our Very Young Friends group is aimed at 1-5 year olds and has run for a number of years. Our current leader is stepping down now both her children are at school. This role would suit someone with small children or anyone interested in working with children. This role can be shared.</p> <p>The VYF currently meet the first Thursday of each month at 10am-11am. The time and day is down to the group leader.</p> <p>The group meet outdoors for themed sessions. These have been linked to seasons, festivals and anything nature/eco in general. They have been a mix of song, stories, craft and activities. There is flexibility for how the group develops.</p> <p>The focus is on getting children and young people excited about being outdoors, appreciating nature and learning how to protect the environment is a huge part of the work of Friends of Rowntree Park.</p>
<p>When do we need volunteers?</p>	<p>Once a month for around an hour. There is also some prep work to set up the session. We have ideas to share from previous or the leader(s) can develop sessions that suit them.</p>
<p>Who are we looking for?</p>	<p>If you're great with children, love being outside, and are interested in protecting the environment, this could be the role for you! Being crafty and having some outdoor skills is helpful, but mostly we're looking for enthusiasm. People skills are essential and confidence.</p> <p>The group can range from around 10 children and parents, to up to 30 sometimes!</p>
<p>What is the commitment?</p>	<p>Once a month for an hour. Ability to attend FRP meetings also of use (4 times a year), and stay in contact with the rest of the group.</p>
<p>What will I get from the role?</p>	<p>Volunteering on our children's activities is a lot of fun! Along the way, you'll pick up new skills and knowledge, Both volunteering and being outside are great for your wellbeing, and if you're interested in working with children, this would be a great addition to your CV.</p>
<p>What training do I need?</p>	<p>All volunteers need to attend a short induction session before they start their role. Once you have completed the session, you will be covered by our insurance while volunteering. Volunteers will be given a full briefing by the session leader before each event or activity.</p>

References and DBS	All children attend sessions with their parents. However, we seek an up-to-date DBS check for all volunteers working with children on a regular basis. If you do not have one, we can arrange for a check for you. We also ask for two references, ideally from people who can comment on your suitability to work with children and young people.
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