



THE FRIENDS OF Rowntree Park

Volunteering with Children and Young People Role Description

<p>About the role</p>	<p>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. Our team of run a range of events and activities for toddlers, children and teenagers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very Young Friends of Rowntree Park: outdoor activities for toddlers and pre-schoolers. 1st Thursday of the month (except December and August). • Young Friends of Rowntree Park: occasional weekend and school holiday events for primary school-aged children. • Forest School: a weekly Friday morning group for children aged 2-5, and a monthly Saturday group for ages 6+. • Occasional one-off sessions for secondary school-aged children and young people.
<p>When do we need volunteers?</p>	<p>We need regular volunteers to help out with (or lead!) weekly/monthly activities, as well as people to be an extra pair of hands at seasonal events.</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. Our Forest School sessions are run by our qualified Forest School leader (ideally with support from volunteers), but all other sessions can be run by other volunteers. We're looking for people to help out with sessions, and are also interested in hearing from potential new leaders.</p>
<p>What is the commitment?</p>	<p>We're interested in hearing from you whether you can help out once a week or once a year.</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, whether that's lighting a fire with a flint, making a wreath for Christmas, or learning to identify local birds. 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</p>



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	a full briefing by the session leader before each event or activity.
References and DBS	We require 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.
How do I sign up?	To get involved, please fill in our volunteer registration form . If you've got any questions, email volunteer@rowntreepark.org.uk .