HOME START Nottingham

Volunteers Information pack

WELCOME

ABOUT US

Home-Start Nottingham began in 1978 and is now one of over 170 schemes across the UK and 24 countries worldwide.

Although part of a national organisation, Home-Start Nottingham is firmly rooted in the local community, managed by a committee made up of individuals with specialist skills.

Home-Start UK provides valuable guidance around policy, training, information, and personal support, enabling us to respond to local needs, but having the quality of service derived from agreed national quality standards.

We are locally driven, managed and supported by local volunteers, in this way, the service helps to reconnect and reintegrate families with their community. Children, parents, and the wider community all benefit from our work.

Home-Start Nottingham provides a universal and non-stigmatising service and is therefore sometimes more acceptable to families than statutory services because a volunteer chooses to visit a family it helps them to feel valued and has an effect on their self-esteem.

WHY VOLUNTEERING MATTERS

Home-Start Nottingham works with volunteers for the benefit of families and the volunteers themselves. Volunteers are recruited, selected, and appropriately linked to activities according to their skills and experience. Volunteers are valued and well supported. Home-Start Nottingham welcomes volunteers of all ages and backgrounds. Volunteers do not need specific qualifications; it is their life experiences, attitudes and interpersonal skills that matter.

Volunteering is a big part of who we are

Volunteering brings people together and by creating great volunteer opportunities we can benefit individual lives as well as the wider society

Home-Start Nottingham volunteers support families that are going through challenging times. Volunteers work with families to build on their strengths, to help improve the health and wellbeing of the most vulnerable young children and to build strong happy families.

- Volunteers bring different skills, experiences, and perspectives.
- Volunteering makes a positive difference to families lives and to the wider society and can help to bring local communities closer together.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN HOME-START NOTTINGHAM

Would you like to make a difference to families in Nottinghamshire?

Volunteering with Home-Start Nottingham could make that difference!

Join our organisation and help us create a brighter future for everyone

The areas covered by the scheme includes Nottingham city and the County Boroughs of: Ashfield, Broxtowe, Gedling and Rushcliffe.







Look at our volunteering opportunities

VOLUNTEER ROLE PROFILE

HOME VISITING

Volunteer visits a family for 2-3 hours per week. Support with a family can last for up to a year.

Your Role:

- Offer friendship, practical support, and reassurance to families.
- Support families in their own homes, respecting dignity and identity
- Encourage families to use local services and widen their social networks

Skills:

Have a sensitive and caring attitude towards others
Have a non-judgmental attitude
Be reliable and understand the importance of reliability to the family



EVENTS & PROMOTION

A flexible role to suit your suitability. Our volunteers will be contacted as appropriate and offered to attend events to which we are invited.

Your Role:

- Attend community events to promote Home-Start Nottingham
- Support staff to answer questions and offer assistance as needed
- Help promote events through social media, local advertising and community outreach

Skills:

Excellent organisational and communication skills
Caring attitudes
Representing the charity in a professional manner



SOCIAL MEDIA

A flexible role to suit the needs of the scheme.

Your Role:

- Assisting in planning, execution and promotion of fundraising campaigns, events and awareness initiatives.
- Researching and creating creative content for different social media channels
- Establishing and/or maintaining active social media accounts

Skills:

Good written communication skills, with accuracy and good attention to detail
Ability to deal in a profesional manner when communicating online
Ability to think creatively when sharing content



FAMILY GROUP

2 hours a week as and when required.

Your Role:

- Support with the smooth running of group sessions
- Welcoming families on arrival

Skills:

Good communication
Working in a non-judgmental and inclusive way
Caring attitude
Creativity



BIG HOPES BIG FUTURE PROJECT

Visits are between Monday and Friday, during school hours. 2 hours a week for up to 7 weeks.

Your Role:

- Volunteers will support families in their homes and in groups, the term before children start nursery/school, focusing on school readiness.
- Support with the smooth running of Big Hopes Big Futures group sessions
- Support given around early years development and play

Skills:

Good communication
Caring attitude
Working in a non-judgmental and inclusive way

ADMINISTRATION

Flexible, as and when required.

Your Role:

- Preparation of group resources/training resources
- Event and Activity administration
- General office duties
- Additional duties as the role develops

Skills:

Administration experience
Good organisational skills
Good communication
Creativity

TRUSTEE

This is a flexible role to suit your availability, but trustee meetings are currently bi-monthly, 10.30 am-12.30 pm.

Your Role:

- Attending meetings of trustees, playing an active part in the trustees' meetings and deliberations
- Using one's own skills, knowledge and experience to help the trustees reach sound decisions
- Taking the lead in any trustees' activities where the trustee has special knowledge

Skills:

Commitment to the scheme
Willingness to devote the necessary time and effort
Strategic vision

BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING



"I feel so much more confident around new people, it has helped me build up my self-esteem. I feel less anxious around people and new situations, and this is something that I didn't think I would be saying"

"I feel that being involved in volunteering has helped me think more about my future career"





"Volunteering has made me more confident and feel that I am making a difference"

"Have felt extremely supported and feel valued as a volunteer for Home-Start Nottingham"

