



Job Description

Post: Sutton young people's supporter

Reporting to: Groups manager

Hours 14 hours a week

Salary £7549 per annum

Location: Office base in Sutton (near Rose Hill)

Closing date: Friday 22 March 2019

Interview date: tbc

Summary

We are looking for an enthusiastic and energetic individual to join us as our **young people's supporter**, to develop the young people's participation group and support them to get their voices heard.

About the role

You will be **planning and supporting the core group sessions**, together with our peer supporter, enabling group members to develop their confidence and skills. You will enable the small core group to grow, working to include young people with different abilities.

The group meets twice a month in Wallington/Sutton: once for a skills/speaking up session and once for a social, at various places around Sutton, chosen by the young people.

The group are asked to **research what young people in the borough think** about important topics (eg short breaks/mental health/EHC plans/transition to adulthood). After working with the core group to develop questions and activities, you will **create consultation sessions** to enable more young people's views to be included. You will network with other local organisations who offer children's services so that we can reach this target group.

You will **write easy read reports** to show the group's findings, working with the group to make sure it is their report.

You will do some **joint working** with our adult self advocacy group and their supporters, facilitating combined events.

What you'll need

A rapport with young people, able to meaningfully listen to them and respect their views; experience of working with people with autism/learning difficulties; the ability to make things fun; good communication and organisational skills; group work skills; creativity; the ability to liaise with other professionals (eg the council, Parents Forum and other local organisations); good IT skills for report writing and creating promotional material, ability to use social media, a willingness to work flexibly. Training and support will be given, both individually and in your team.

Please send your CV and a covering letter detailing relevant experience and saying why you would like the job to:

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