

Volunteer Role: Youth Mentor

Support: Volunteer Coordinator, School Engagement & Community Manager

Primary Purpose:

Deliver one to one mentoring session to young people, establish a positive relationship with mentee and encourage them to set and achieve personal or academic goals and participate in opportunities at Legacy. This role operates within and alongside the School Engagement Programme, aimed at supporting young people to re-engage in school settings.

Main responsibilities

- To deliver one-to-one mentoring sessions with the young person matched to you, following the Mentoring Programme and Legacy's best practice guidelines and policies.
- Establish and maintain a positive and productive relationship with your mentee
- Gain an understanding of your mentee's aspirations, talents and interests, using these to focus mentoring sessions and supporting them into activities in the Youth Zone
- Plan and prepare weekly mentoring sessions focused on learning objective(s)
- Communicate clearly and in a timely manner with the Mentoring Coordinator, complete all paperwork, reports or assessments.
- Follow Legacy's Safeguarding procedures, reporting any concerns immediately.

Skills and Attributes

- Enthusiasm, dedication, and a genuine commitment to the progress of young people.
- Good written and spoken English (IELTS Band 6 equivalent), good communication and interpersonal skills and an advocate for positive personal or educational development.
- A positive and professional attitude to school and education, actively supporting re-engagement.
- Reliable, punctual and committed to a long-term volunteering role supporting a young person.
- Experience of working with diverse young people, taking a positive, non-judgemental, patient attitude and friendly approach, contributing to a safe and comfortable environment. This role involves working closely with young people at risk of exclusion and facing challenges in school settings.
- An ability to empathise and be responsive to a young person's individual needs and cope with emotionally demanding or stressful situations.
- An ability to handle personal information sensitively, a strong understanding of professional boundaries and safeguarding.

Time Commitment

1-2 hours per week, either Wednesday or Friday from 4.00pm-5.00pm weekly. A minimum commitment of 6 months is required to ensure positive impact for young people.

Benefits to you

- Develop new skills
- Experience working in a charity
- Satisfaction in giving back to the wider community
- Meet new people
- An overall sense of purpose and wellbeing
- Gain experience and understanding of working with schools/within education systems