

# VOLUNTEER MENTOR ROLE

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The Kids Network supports children at a crucial time in their life, helping to improve their emotional development in the transitional period between primary and secondary school. We believe every child should have access to positive childhoods and the future they deserve. We match children aged 8 - 11 with positive role models; local heroes from their communities who help build their confidence, resilience and ability to manage their feelings, by supporting them over the course of a year with fun and positive experiences and activities.

## About the role:

Connect with your local community and explore London as a volunteer mentor with The Kids Network.

As a Volunteer Mentor, you will:

- Support a child during a crucial stage in their social and emotional development
- Focus on the individual needs of a mentee – building confidence, supporting resilience, and developing the tools to manage feelings for a positive future
- Join a peer-to-peer network of mentors, building role confidence and sharing knowledge and experiences

Sessions will be one-to-one and will take place at a time and place of you and your mentee's choice. Sessions will be child-led and will be as creative and varied as your imaginations. The options are endless – from the local park to London's great museums, you as a volunteer will experience the capital in a new way, through the eyes of a child.

Full training and support is provided throughout.

## What are we looking for in our mentors?

- **Positivity:** Embraces fun and positive thinking
- **Commitment:** Attends all mentoring sessions and demonstrates patience and understanding in the face of challenges
- **Communication:** Communicates well with young people and The Kids Network team using compassion
- **Resilience:** Meets challenges with optimism, seeing them as an opportunity to learn

- **Professionalism:** Complies with all TKN policies and procedures particularly regarding safeguarding
- **Non-judgement:** Demonstrates kindness and openness and does not impose personal values
- **Solution focused:** Offers guidance and constructive feedback with compassion and understanding

**Apply via the website:** <https://thekidsnetwork.org.uk/become-a-mentor/>

**Commitment:** Regular - 1-3 hours per week for a year

**Dates and times:** Flexible

**Location:** Across London

**Volunteers required:** 20+

**Deadline:** on-going

For more information contact us at:

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## Safeguarding

*We are committed to the safeguarding and welfare of the children we work with. We have a zero tolerance approach to any harm or exploitation of a child by any of our staff, volunteers, partners or trustees. We are looking for mentors who will promote the safety and well-being of the young people in our network.*

## Diversity

*We are looking for mentors who embrace and value diversity. The Kids Network is committed to diversity and inclusion. We want to reflect the society we live and work in by representing a diverse pool of mentors. You can't be what you can't see. By providing children with access to diverse opportunities, people, professions and perspectives, they can have positive experiences and make meaningful connections to increase wellbeing and resilience for positive futures.*