**Dudley Young Carers Support Volunteer**

**Role Title:** Dudley Young Carers Support Volunteer

**Location:** Activities take place at various community venues across Dudley Borough

**Time Commitment:** Volunteers are asked to commit to a minimum of one monthly youth club (ages 5 – 17) for the duration of three hours.​

**Purpose of the Role:** To provide compassionate, structured support to Young Carers through group activities, educational workshops, and recreational sessions. Volunteers will contribute to creating safe, inclusive environments that promote peer connection, personal growth, and emotional wellbeing.​

 **Key Responsibilities**

* Assist in facilitating group sessions, including creative arts, wellbeing activities, and life skills workshops.
* Support staff in delivering school holiday programmes and social outings.
* Provide encouragement and a listening ear to Young Carers, helping them build confidence and resilience.
* Ensure confidentiality and safeguarding protocols are upheld at all times.
* Contribute to the preparation and tidying of activity spaces.
* Participate in volunteer training and reflective practice sessions.​

**Skills and Experience**

* Good communication skills, especially with children and young people.
* Reliable and able to work as part of a team.
* Understanding of the challenges faced by Young Carers (training provided).
* Good organisational skills, with the ability to manage time and prioritise tasks.
* Commitment to equality, diversity, and inclusion.​

**Person Specification**

* Empathetic, patient, and non-judgemental.
* Dedicated to improving the wellbeing of Young Carers.
* Trustworthy and respectful of confidentiality.
* This role is for those aged 16 and over.

**Time Commitment**

Flexible opportunities are available, including:

* After-school and weekend group sessions.
* School holiday activities.
* Ad hoc support for special events

Volunteers are asked to commit to a minimum of one monthly youth club for at least 6 months, where possible.​

**Training and Support**

* Comprehensive induction including: training on our organisation, the needs of Carers and Young Carers awareness, including information regarding your role as a Young Carers Support Volunteer and safeguarding training.
* Ongoing training opportunities
* Documented experience and achievement certificates to recognise your contributions.
* Ongoing support and supervision from our team.
* The opportunity to make a tangible difference in the lives of Young Carers and the local community.
* Reimbursement of agreed expenses.
* Upon successful completion of your volunteer role (6 months or more), we are willing to act as a referee for any job applications you may have.

**Additional Requirements (post informal meeting with Forward Carers)**

* Enhanced DBS check (arranged and funded by the service).
* Two references (previous employer(s) / tutor(s), and/or friend – not living with you)
* Commitment to the values of Forward Carers

For more information or to express your interest, please contact Dudley Young Carers – Forward Carers at or email info@forwardcarers.org.uk

To apply for this role, please complete our online application form <https://forwardcarers.tfaforms.net/f/vol-application>

Your time and support can make a lasting difference in the lives of Young Carers, thank you for your interest in volunteering with us.