



**NORTH EVINGTON
FREE CHURCH**

NE Youth Helper Role Description

NE Youth is a free youth club run on a drop-in basis for 5-15 year olds. It is located at the North Evington Free Church (NEFC) building on Gedding Road and is organised by the leadership team of NEFC. We run it from 2:30 – 4:30pm on Saturdays during school term times. We currently play sport (football and sometimes cricket) outside on the car park that is closed to traffic during NE Youth time. Inside we also play dodge ball or similar physical games in the 'long room'. In the other large space adjoining the kitchen we have table tennis, pool, table football, art activities, computer games, card and board games and we also do simple cooking, (biscuits or tray bakes). Every session at around 3:30pm we have a drinks break where we provide a biscuit and fruit squash or water. During this time, we present a 3-4 minute 'thought for the week' with a Christian ethos and Gospel message. We have a good relationship with the local Police Force who come along regularly during NE Youth time and get involved.

Main aims of the role

1. To provide a youth club for local children from every community, any faith or none, that is fun and in a safe environment.
2. To interact with children and their parents/carers so that everyone attending NE Youth feels welcome and that NE Youth is a good place for 5-15 year olds to be.
3. NE Youth has a Christian ethos so that children of 'all faiths' and 'none' can experience a witness for Jesus, learn and understand that love never fails, hate never wins and that all people are important. It teaches us to be patient, compassionate and forgiving to our fellow human beings, (remembering there are times when we all make mistakes).

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Please arrive not after 2:15pm to help set up and give us time to pray.
2. To be a good witness for Jesus. Think about what an impact you have on the children and parents in your welcome, dress, speech. Be lovely!
3. To attend team meetings when they are arranged.
4. To think 'team' within the group including keeping up with the rota and helping to fill the gaps as required.
5. To implement the church's safeguarding policies and procedures as appropriate including attendance at the annual church safeguarding training.
6. To commit to praying for the group.

Main Leader

1. Ensure there is a warm, welcoming environment with no-one being left out or bullied.
2. Make sure the drinks, biscuits and 'thought for the week' are all sorted.
3. See there are plenty of fun things to do and they are appropriately supervised.
4. Watch that behaviour stays good and be aware of who is wandering in the building or carpark.

SUPERVISION AND SUPPORT

1. Emphasis will always be on working together as a team. Anyone who is a recent volunteer will be directed on what to do, where and when. But we carry on helping one-another as we are all learning. What is important is; we support each other and hopefully bounce new ideas around.
2. Graham, Steve, John and Vicki are accessible for ongoing support and any queries about the roles.
3. Graham and Vicki have responsibility for responding to any safeguarding issues/incidents.
4. There are termly meetings to discuss any concerns, as well as opportunity for individuals to access support as needed.