



## Community Action Project

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**Aim:** To assist separated young people make the transition into UK life and society, and to make positive choices with their lives, in particular to do with independent living, education, training and work opportunities. To provide safe and supportive home environments that empower young people to realise their goals and assist their pathway to independence. To assist young people in overcoming any barriers they may face by offering information, advice, advocacy and support and by brokering access to services that they may need. To provide personal support and advocacy for young people based on an assessment of their individual, cultural, learning, social and personal needs.

**Role:** Volunteers must be flexible and reliable and willing to learn about the needs of asylum confidentiality. In return, they will tailor roles to suit the needs of volunteers. Specific roles may have particular requirements in terms of knowledge, skills and experience. These young people have experienced a high degree of trauma, so they are looking for volunteers able to be sensitive, empathetic and understanding. Specifically, volunteers might help develop Independent Living Skills through classes, provide admin support, attend meetings and appointments, or any combination of these things. Volunteers must have the ability to work well in a team, and a commitment to equal opportunities and confidentiality.

**Training:** Pathways works with volunteers to ensure that their needs are being met and that the role is meeting their expectations.

**Location:** Staines.

**Times:** Office hours are 9-5 Monday to Friday, and any time between these hours would be valuable. Pathways will accommodate you if you let them know what your commitment is.

**CRB:** This project requires CRB disclosure.

**Other:** This project will reimburse travel expenses. Unfortunately, it does not have wheelchair access.

**Application:** All volunteers must be registered as Community Action volunteers. To do so, visit <http://www.rhul.ac.uk/services/volunteering/register.html>

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