



Community Action Project

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Aim:

Chance UK prevents crime and anti-social behaviour by providing mentors for children with behavioural difficulties. These mentors organize sports, games and outings with the child to build their confidence and self esteem.

Roles:

Chance UK volunteer mentors meet with a child who has behavioural difficulties for 2-4 hours, once a week, for a year. They do activities together such as sports, visiting museums, creating a scrapbook; anything that will enthuse and engage a child. The mentor will use specific techniques to build the child's self esteem, so that their confidence, education and family life all change for the better. Not only does this change the child's life and their prospects, but their parent / carer, teacher, siblings and classmates also benefit from the positive changes the child makes.

Training:

People interested in Chance UK's programme must come to an information evening as a first step, where they will hear more about the programme, and have the opportunity to ask questions. If people would like to go further after this point they will attend 3 consecutive Saturdays of training. There is then a post training interview. Once a volunteer becomes a mentor they will receive monthly supervisions with an allocated Programme Manager (PM). They will be supported throughout the year by their PM.

Location: Enfield, Hackney, Islington, Lambeth, Waltham Forest, or Westminster.

Times: Weekdays (after school in term time and flexible out of term time) and Weekends. It is flexible based on the mentors and child's availability. The sessions will last 2-4 hours, depending on the activity, and meetings between the child and mentor will take place once a week for a year.

CRB: A CRB is required for this project.

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