



Community Action Project

Children's Support Worker

Community Action Partner

CHICKS (Country Holidays for Inner City Kids)

Aim: CHICKS is a registered children's charity which takes disadvantaged children between the ages of 8-15, who would not otherwise have a holiday, on free respite breaks. The holidays are designed to give children a chance to be children and to get them involved in a whole number of activities that they may not otherwise have the opportunity to try.

CHICKS has two stunning retreats in the South West. A Coastal Retreat by the seaside and Moorland Retreat on the edge of the Moors. Each retreat can take a maximum of 16 children (eight boys and eight girls), with 8 volunteers (four female and four male). The retreats are set within their own large grounds with beautiful views over the surrounding countryside and lots of space to run around!

Role: The volunteers' role is to join in with whatever fun and games the week may bring: To get wet, sing, dance, laugh, play games, stay awake, ride bikes, climb, swim and lots, lots more! However, volunteers should be sensible, aware and able to help, listen, support, encourage and mediate.

Training: There is no official training provided. There is an induction on arrival and debriefs every day where any problems or issues can be raised. Volunteers are supported and guided by 3 full time supervisors who are in charge of running the holiday and are responsible for dealing with any problems.

Location: Devon

Times: Holidays run from Monday- Friday and are fully residential. Holidays run from March until December at the two centres.

CRB: A CRB disclosure will be required via the Community Partner.

Other: Volunteers must be over 18, are subject to an approved enhanced CRB disclosure and 2 satisfactory character references. Travel expenses are not covered- volunteers will need to get themselves to and from the charities collection points which are Exeter Moto Services, Exeter St David's train Station or Plymouth train.

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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