



# Volunteer Schools Worker

An exciting opportunity for someone who has previously supported young people in some capacity to join Youthscape's Luton team

*Youthscape*

# About Youthscape

Back in 1993, Youthscape started life as the Luton Churches Education Trust - a charity started and funded by the churches in Luton, working together to serve teenagers across the town. Since then we have grown into a national hub for youth work resources, events and training, whilst continuing to serve young people here at home.

Youthscape Luton supports young people with their social, emotional and spiritual development through a variety of youth work programmes in schools, our building in Luton Town Centre, and churches. We support thousands of young people a year, and our incredible volunteer team plays a key role in enabling us to offer the provision that we do.

## About the Role

We are looking for Volunteer Schools Workers to help support some of the therapeutic groups we run in local secondary schools in Luton. We run two main programmes, called Compass Foundations and Fearless Foundations.

**Compass Foundations:** A programme that aims to help students manage challenging emotions that might lead to disruptive behaviour at school.

**Fearless Foundations:** A programme that aims to help students manage challenging emotions that might lead them to withdraw at school.

Both of these programmes provide opportunities to build positive relationships with students, whilst creating a space for greater understanding around emotions and learning practical skills to manage them healthily.

**As Youthscape is a faith-based youth work charity and this plays a foundational role in our work with young people, it is our policy that all volunteers are practising Christians and attend church regularly.**



# Role Description

## Tasks

- Supporting a member of Youthscape team in the delivery of session plans within the school environment.
- Building positive relationships with students in the group.
- Supporting with behaviour management during the session.
- Representing Youthscape positively in the school environment and maintaining professional conduct.

## Essential Qualities and Skills

- Strong Christian faith.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work well in a team.
- Ability to relate to young people and build appropriate, encouraging relationships with them.
- Experience working with or supporting young people in some capacity e.g. volunteering in church, work in a school or other relevant environment, babysitting, tutoring etc.
- Understanding of good safeguarding practices.

## Location

One of the secondary schools within Luton. Specific details will be confirmed at the beginning of the term. If supporting for more than one term, the school may change.

## Hours

Therapeutic groups run during the school day, at the same time each week.

## Commitment

Volunteers will need to be available for one morning or afternoon a week, for an 8 week period over a term.

# Benefits

## Team

Youthscape is a dynamic, creative, exciting place to work and you will have the opportunity to work alongside a number of experienced and qualified youth workers and volunteers as part of the Youthscape Luton team.

## Supervision

You will receive termly 1:1 supervision from an experienced member of the Youthscape Luton staff team where you will have the opportunity to talk through your volunteering experience, raise any concerns, give any feedback, and discuss any training needs. You may also speak to the staff member who is leading the programme session within which you are volunteering at any time.

## Induction and Training

All volunteers will receive a full induction and the following training within their first term of volunteering:

- Safeguarding (this must take place before volunteering begins)
- Managing challenging behaviour

Further training opportunities can also be provided if required e.g. youth work practice, supporting young people around specific needs etc.

Volunteers will also be expected to take part in yearly Youthscape Luton team training around values and culture.

## Opportunities

As Youthscape is involved in a range of different work with young people and youth workers nationally there may be other opportunities to engage with events and training that may be of interest to you e.g. The National Youth Ministry Weekend, Satellites Youth Festival etc.

## Celebration

We significantly value our volunteers, and to help demonstrate this we hold a yearly summer event where we celebrate you and indicate our appreciation for your commitment.

# Application Process

If you would like to ask any questions before applying, please feel free to contact Emily Croucher, our Luton Volunteer Manager by phone on 01582 748965 or by email at [emily.croucher@youthscape.co.uk](mailto:emily.croucher@youthscape.co.uk).

**To apply for this role please download an application form at <https://www.youthscape.co.uk/about/volunteering-ys>.**

**Complete the application form and return it to [emily.croucher@youthscape.co.uk](mailto:emily.croucher@youthscape.co.uk) at your earliest convenience.**

If your application demonstrates that you meet the essential qualities and skills, you will be invited to attend an informal interview at Bute Mills.

If both parties agree that this volunteering opportunity is the right fit, appointment will be made subject to references, a satisfactory DBS check, and proof of eligibility to work in the UK.

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