

YHA Volunteering

Volunteer Group Activity Leader

About YHA

YHA is a registered UK charity with a clear mission, to inspire all, especially young people, to broaden their horizons gaining knowledge and independence through new experiences of adventure and discovery.

YHA offers affordable accommodation to families, groups and individuals exploring and holidaying in England & Wales.

Making a difference

Volunteer Group Activity Leaders help others to get the most out of their volunteering experience; when volunteers come together to give their time to YHA- that's where you will find one of our Volunteer Group Activity Leaders.

What will I be doing?

You don't need any technical skills to be a Volunteer Group Activity Leader, it's all about having great people skills, being organised and a great communicator!

You pick from the available events as to where you go and when you give your time.

Group Activity Leaders help on tasks which can last anything from one day up to one week; whether it's on your doorstep or further afield there is lots of variety to pick from.

As a Group Activity Leader you will be able to get involved with three different volunteering experiences:

- Working Holidays
- Supporter Groups (local volunteers)
- The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Gold Residential

With the **Duke of Edinburgh's Award Gold Residential** experiences you will get the chance to support young volunteers (aged 16-24) to complete their 5-day residential volunteering experience with YHA, to obtain their Duke of Edinburgh's Award Gold Residential.

You will stay at the hostel with the young volunteers (in a separate room) for the full 5-days and help YHA staff to supervise and support young volunteers through their experience.

As a Volunteer Group Activity Leader you will also get the chance to help out on **Working Holidays**.

This is when individual volunteer from a range of backgrounds and ages (16 years plus), come together to help complete a practical task at a hostel such as painting or gardening. Often these experiences are residential- so you will stay at the hostel with volunteers during the task.

There is no such thing as a typical volunteering experience, but you can expect to be involved in a variety of tasks such as;

- Welcoming volunteers to site and undertaking hostel tours to help volunteers to settle in
- For The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Gold Residential groups you will help to deliver team games and fun activities in the evenings
- Mucking in with the volunteering, and helping to keep a positive team atmosphere throughout the activity
- Supervising the volunteers to make sure that they are having a positive, safe and enjoyable experience

Supporter Groups are when local volunteers come to help for the day at their local hostel, with volunteer ages ranging from 15 years upwards.

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Help with Expenses

When volunteering as a Group Activity Leader you will be able to receive expense reimbursement up to £60 to help with travel costs, and when required as part of the role, receive free accommodation with YHA.

As a volunteer you will also be able during your volunteering to purchase meals at the hostel for £2 per course, at sites where catering is offered.

YHA and Safeguarding

YHA is committed to safeguarding and ensuring the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all volunteers to share this commitment.

The suitability of all prospective volunteers will be assessed during the recruitment process in line with this commitment.

Skills, knowledge and experience

- You must be over the age of 18 years
- Be able to undertake an enhanced DBS check (background check)
- Be able to provide two references to support suitability for this role
- Be willing to act in a pastoral care role which provides supervision and support to volunteers of all ages, and from a range of backgrounds
- Be willing to undertake a one day training course which will be delivered by YHA to support you in your role
- Be committed to actively participating as a Group Activity Leader.

Recruitment process

In order to apply for this role, volunteers must have supported on either a YHA Summer Camp or a YHA Working Holiday within the last 2-years.

To apply for this role you will be asked our [online application form](#) if you have not already registered with YHA as a volunteer.

Please be aware that to deliver in this role, YHA requires volunteers to supply two references to support suitability, and to undertake an enhanced DBS check.

How do I apply?

For further details please email volunteers@yha.org.uk or call 01629 592 562



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