

# YHA

## Student Placements

### 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.

### Making a difference

YHA is a Times Top 100 organisation, and has Investing in Volunteers and Investors in People Gold accreditation.

When you take part in a Student Placement you will be giving your time to support the work of our charity.

During your placement you will get the chance to develop your skills, gain 'real life' work experience, as well as build some great memories and make new friends.

During your placement you will be based at one of our hostels and will be involved in all aspects of hospitality business. Tasks could include helping on reception, cleaning rooms, making up beds, helping in the office, event management or serving food and beverages to customers.

### Where can I do this?

Please apply for a Student Placements at least 12 weeks in advance of your proposed start date. Opportunities are available at our hostels in England and Wales. Please be aware that we have a very limited number of placements in city centre hostels.

### Hours of support

You will work five days out of seven with two days off each week. The hours given will include evening, weekend and Bank Holiday working undertaken on a rota basis. In your free time you will be able to travel and explore your new location!

YHA issues placements (after completion of the first week) with a thank gift of a 12-month YHA membership.

This means you can stay at other YHA hostels at a discounted rate.

### Restrictions

You need to be

- Over 18 years of age
- Able to travel and live independently
- Required to undertake a placement as part of your course
- Speak English to Level B1 or above (Common European Framework of Reference Languages)
- Provide satisfactory references
- Submit a New Volunteer Form
- Be legally able to work in the UK

Any training needed for the role will be provided to you, so all you need is commitment and a willingness to help.



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# YHA Volunteering

## Help with expenses

### Food ✓

Volunteers receive three meals per day for free. If you are placed at a self-catering hostel you can claim up to £25 per week reimbursement for food costs.

### Accommodation ✓

Volunteers receive free accommodation either in a private room, in a staff flat/house or shared (single sex dormitory) room depending upon availability. We will always tell you about the accommodation provision before you accept your placement.

### Support ✓

All placements will have a designated Line Manager to support them during their placement.

### Travel costs ✗

No travel expenses are available for this role

### Visa ✗

YHA does not provide financial support, or act as a Sponsor for visa applications.

### Salary ✗

All placements with YHA are offered on a voluntary (unpaid) basis. YHA does not enter in to contractual agreements with individuals or placing organisations.

### Insurance ✗

Placements must provide their own travel and medical insurance cover.

## Feeling valued

To support with future college and job applications. Volunteers will be given a certificate and reference, detailing the tasks they have been involved in and the skills they have developed.

## Code of Conduct

During your placement you will be supported, and developed to help you achieve your potential. We ask that you adhere to our volunteer Code of Conduct

We want you to have a great time with us, but we do need to share with you what will happen if things go wrong.

YHA is committed to ensuring the safety of our staff, customer and volunteers. This means that YHA will *terminate immediately any placement* where an individual poses a risk to themselves or others, where their actions bring YHA in to disrepute or where placements have breached any UK law.

## 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.

## How do I apply?

You can apply using our [online application form](#).

It can take up to 8 weeks to process your application, and obtain references. So please apply well in advance of when you would like to volunteer.



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