



# **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

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**Barnsley CVS runs the Volunteer Centre at  
Priory Campus, Pontefract Road, S71 5PN and 23 Queens  
Road, S71 1AN.**

**At the Volunteer Centre we can help you find a volunteering  
opportunity that is right for you, within Barnsley, from our database.**

**We provide a personal one to one service to help you get into  
volunteering.**

**Each month, our newsletter will highlight some of the best volunteer  
opportunities available in Barnsley.**





# Welcome to our newsletter!

**Welcome to our July Newsletter!**

**We have some fantastic volunteering roles come into our office over the past few weeks, and are excited to share these with you this month! We also know there is some great roles coming over the next few months too, as organisations and groups in Barnsley start to look at opening their services fully, beyond the current restrictions.**

**Janette from the volunteer centre is starting to get businesses in Barnsley enquiring about their own Employer Support Volunteer days, where they can send employees out to help causes in the community, which is brilliant to see. Hopefully this is a positive to come out of the last 18 months or so, people finding a way to give back in anyway they can.**

**Fingers crossed it won't be long till we can get back to some face to face drop in sessions out in the community too! We will let you know all the details, as soon as we know!**

**As always any roles can be applied for on our website unless otherwise stated - [barnsleycvs.org.uk/volunteering](https://barnsleycvs.org.uk/volunteering)**

**Thank you & stay safe,  
The Volunteer Team at Barnsley CVS**

**We are still working from home, so you can contact Yasmin on [07939521425](tel:07939521425) or email [volunteer@barnsleycvs.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@barnsleycvs.org.uk)  
[#VolunteerInBarnsley](https://twitter.com/VolunteerInBarnsley)**



**Rachel**



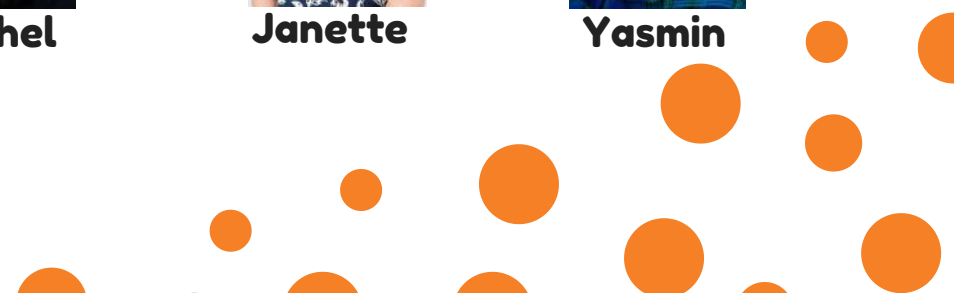
**Janette**



**Yasmin**

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**WELCOME**





# Restorative Justice Volunteer - Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council

Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council are recruiting for local volunteers in the Barnsley area to be part of the new Neighbourhood Justice programme.



## The role of Neighbourhood Justice Facilitator -

Neighbourhood Justice facilitators are volunteers from the local community and are trained to deliver restorative justice for anti-social behaviour and neighbour disputes. Becoming a volunteer is a great opportunity to become more involved in your local community. Facilitators receive free restorative justice training and an opportunity to gain valuable work experience.

By becoming a facilitator, you will be at the heart of communities, engaging with local people and providing them with the tools and guidance they need to resolve conflict and move on.

## What is the Neighbourhood Justice Programme?

The neighbourhood Justice programme provides a safe and neutral environment for restorative justice meetings to take place. Restorative justice gives victims the opportunity to communicate with the person who has caused them harm. It is an opportunity for the victim to explain how an incident has affected their life and hold the perpetrator to account for what they have done. It is an opportunity for the perpetrator to take responsibility for their actions and try to make amends. Research suggests that restorative justice has significant benefits for victims and also helps reduce reoffending.

**Hours:** There are no set times/hours. Each volunteer is expected to manage one case per month at times that fit around the volunteer's schedule and the schedule of the participants.

**Location:** Community and home based. On occasion volunteers will be required to meet with the Neighbourhood Justice Coordinator for supervision. The role will cover the cost of expenses and mileage.

Applicants who meet the criteria identified in the role description will be contacted and offered a telephone interview. Volunteers will also be subject to DBS checks. Successful applicants will then be invited to take part in a 3 day training course which they must complete before commencing the role.

Volunteers will be assessed throughout the training programme to determine if they are appropriate for the role. Completing the training is not a guarantee that an individual will be accepted into the role, which will be at the volunteer coordinators discretion.

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# Restorative Justice Volunteer - Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council

## Skills and qualifications:

In order to become a volunteer you must:

- Be over the age of 18
- Demonstrate effective communication skills, which

includes the ability to:

- Actively listen
- Be aware of and be able to read non-verbal communication
- Summarise and reflect back
- Use telephone communication skills
- Create a safe environment for participants, which includes the ability to:
- Show sensitivity to diversity and differences
- Use appropriate risk assessment and evaluation tools
- Identify the potential for any conflict
- Assess imbalances of power
- Remain impartial
- Be aware of safety and confidentiality issues around the disclosure of personal information and comply with the data protection regulations set out by Barnsley Council
- Treat people fairly, without discrimination on the basis of gender, age, ethnicity, ability, disability, sexuality, culture, faith or history of causing or experiencing harm.
- Record decisions and outcomes accurately.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the principles and values of restorative justice.



To apply for the role please contact the Neighbourhood Justice Coordinator at [Carlamoore@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:Carlamoore@barnsley.gov.uk) to request an application form.

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## Customer Satisfaction Volunteer - South Yorkshire Police

The foundations of South Yorkshire Police's success includes the delivery of an excellent victim-led service. To do this they have to ensure that victims are at the centre of their service.



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They treat victims, witnesses and customers with respect, empathy and compassion in their service delivery.

As a Customer Satisfaction Volunteer, you will work alongside colleagues and fellow volunteers, making phone calls to victims of certain crime types including burglary, hate crime and vulnerable victims.

You will ask a series of pre- set questions in order to improve customer satisfaction.

### Essential criteria:

- Excellent communication skills
- Confident in speaking to members of the public over the telephone
- Willing to undertake training on police systems as required
- Competent in using computers
- Reliable and organised
- Able to volunteer for a few hours every week on a regular basis
- Volunteers must be a minimum of 18 years of age

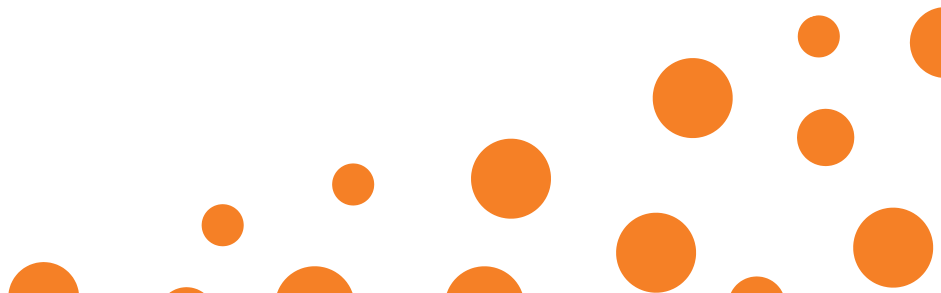
If you have any questions ahead of applying, please contact South Yorkshire Police via email - [SYPVolunteers@southyorks.pnn.police.uk](mailto:SYPVolunteers@southyorks.pnn.police.uk) or phone: **01709 832353** and ask for the Police Support Volunteer Project Officer.

Application forms can be found on their website by copy and pasting the following link: [southyorkshire.police.uk/sign-up/join-team-syp/volunteer-with-syp/](https://southyorkshire.police.uk/sign-up/join-team-syp/volunteer-with-syp/)

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL APPLICANTS WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE FORCES VETTING PROCESS PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT.**

**FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.**

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# Vehicle Maintenance Assistant - South Yorkshire Police

Do you have some spare time on your hands?  
Would you like to assist South Yorkshire Police?  
Then why not consider becoming a Police Support Volunteer!



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Based at various locations across South Yorkshire, Vehicle Maintenance Assistant Volunteers will assist in the basic maintenance of Police vehicles and stocks (THIS IS NOT A MECHANIC ROLE)

#### Summary of main duties:

- Interior car cleaning
- Checking traffic cones, vehicle lights and oil levels
- Tyre condition checks
- Replenish /check vehicle first aid kits
- General organisation and upkeep of the police garage
- Reordering of equipment

#### Essential criteria:

- The ability to work as part of a small team and on an individual basis
- Competent in basic car checks
- Flexibility, reliability and a positive manner
- Good organisation and communication skills
- There will be some occasions where it may be necessary to undertake light manual lifting
- Possible use of your own vehicle to travel to different locations (out of pocket expenses will be reimbursed)
- Willing to undertake health and safety online learning and comply with risk assessments

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## Secretary - Treasurer - Elmhirst Trust

Elmhirst Trust is a small trust that provides grants to adults who need to improve their education or training, usually to enable them to seek employment.

The Trust offers a second chance to adults who, for any reason, did not take full advantage of the education system the first time around. Applicants to their grant -

- Must be residents in, and on the electoral roll of Barnsley, Doncaster or Rotherham
- Are normally aged 30 or over (there is no upper limit)
- Have very limited financial resources.

As this is a small trust it has no office, telephone or email facility and is almost completely reliant on volunteers and communicates initially with applicants by post only.

When the trust receives a completed application form, an assessor will telephone the applicant to arrange a meeting at an agreed venue. The assessor will then discuss the application with the applicant and, where necessary, advise the applicant how best to proceed before preparing a report and recommendation.

This report is emailed to all Trustees who then circulate their recommendations so that a consensus may be obtained on the grant. The average grant awarded is about £500 and course fees are paid directly to the college/ training provider.

Elmhirst Trust are currently looking for a volunteer Secretary (Treasurer) to join their small team.

The secretary receives enquiries by phone and post and sends out details and application forms; assigns an assessor to each application and circulates their report; communicates the decision of the Trustees to the applicant; makes any grant payments.

The secretary convenes and services three meetings of Trustees per year, which involves monitoring the performance of the Trust's investments.

The secretary makes annual returns to the Charity Commission and Companies House and maintains the financial accounts to satisfy the Trust's independent auditors.

A £500 pa honorarium is available.

Potential volunteers should telephone the Chairman of the Trust, Paul Elmhirst, on **01904 728213** for more information.

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## Trustees - Elmhirst Trust

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Elmhirst Trust are also looking for three volunteers to act as Trustees.

Trustees are expected to make comments on 10 to 25 grant applications PER YEAR. Thus the time commitment involved is very limited and can be undertaken at times to suit the Trustee.

They hope that most Trustees could make their recommendations within a week of receiving a copy of an application. In addition, the Trust meets at lunchtime in Barnsley as a Management Committee just three times per annum. Some, not all, Trustees act as assessors also. This is optional.

A knowledge of education and training is an asset.

Potential volunteers should telephone the Chairman of the Trust, Paul Elmhirst, on [01904 728213](tel:01904728213) for more information.

## Food Distributors - Single Parents Support & Advice Services (SPSAS)

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Single Parents Support and Advice Services are looking for volunteers in Barnsley who can help collect food from allocated supermarkets and then distribute it to vulnerable single parents.



Ideally, you would need to drive and have access to your own vehicle, but they can also support volunteers willing to have food delivered to them and make up the food boxes for collection.

If you have a DBS and Food Safety Certificate this is preferred, but not essential.

Volunteers are required on evenings and weekends.

To find out more or register your interested please contact Nicola Booth on [nicky.booth@spsas.co.uk](mailto:nicky.booth@spsas.co.uk) or call [07477808756](tel:07477808756).

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## Barnsley Carers Service Volunteers - Making Space

Do you want to help others?

Making Space Barnsley Carers Service is a free to access service, here to support unpaid carers in their role.

They are looking for volunteers in Barnsley to help family and friends who care for someone with a health condition.



Volunteering is a great way to give something back, gain experience and meet others.

Their volunteering opportunities include:

- Befriending- spending time with a carer who is feeling isolated (this role can be over the telephone or in-person)
- Running activity groups- You could bring your hobbies and interests into your volunteering
- Administration

They have in person and remote roles.

No qualifications are needed except for a desire to help people and an understanding of confidentiality. Some experience of supporting people with mental health conditions is useful but not essential.

For further information please contact Adele Lacy their Volunteer Co-ordinator.  
[01226 288772](tel:01226288772) / [07971826329](tel:07971826329)

## Working Party Volunteers - Families Information Service

Are you the parent or carer of a child or young person with SEND?

If so, then why not join the Local Offer Working Party to help shape the information on the Local Offer webpage.



The group will be looking at:

- What information needs to be on the Local Offer
- Where's the best place for the information to sit
- Making the information user friendly

First sessions will run on Tuesday the 6 July 2021.

Interested? Need to know more about what's involved, email [infosis@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:infosis@barnsley.gov.uk) or ring [0800 0345 340](tel:08000345340) and ask for Steven.

Don't worry if being part of a group doesn't work for you – there will be other ways to have a say.

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# Girlguiding Leaders - Girlguiding Barnsley West

There are opportunities for volunteers to help girls and young women thrive by joining Girlguiding and giving time to local groups in Barnsley West.



They have opportunities helping with Rainbows (age 5-6), Brownies (age 7-9) and Guides (age 10-13) throughout the area which includes Penistone, Hoylandswaine, Thurgoland, Cawthorne and Oxspring.

It will involve attending term time weekly meetings to support the provision of new experiences and adventures to help girls and young women develop and learn about themselves and the world around them.

There are opportunities to join existing groups or help establish new ones.

The application process is based on having a successful DBS check, two positive references and completing two e-learning safeguarding modules.

Initial contact from an application being received is a few days, the rest of the process can take a number of weeks as it is reliant on external services and the potential volunteer.

Volunteers will need to have an interest in supporting children and young people and to go through a Girlguiding DBS check, provide two referees and undertake online safeguarding training.

Girlguiding is a female membership organisation.

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# SSAFA Volunteer Caseworker - SSAFA, the Armed Forces charity

SSAFA – the Armed Forces charity, stands for the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association. They are a charity that provides lifelong support to people currently serving as well as veterans from the British Armed Forces and their families or dependents.



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Volunteer Caseworkers are the lifeblood of SSAFA, supporting a growing number of people in need of financial, practical and emotional support. Clients come from all backgrounds and age groups and may have served in WW2 or in a more recent conflict like Iraq or Afghanistan. Their trained volunteers listen without judgement to assess and provide tailored support to help people navigate life in and beyond military service.

Caseworkers visit clients to work out what type of help they need. Next, they find the right sources of support and arrange for clients to access it. This might be funds for special equipment for someone with a disability, adaptations to a property so an older client can remain at home, or funds for a rental deposit. Caseworkers also sign-post clients onto specialist local services for advice on benefits, housing, mental health, debt, finding work etc.

SSAFA are looking for new volunteers to join the local SSAFA team to help them achieve this.

All training is now delivered remotely online and, due to the nature of the role, can take a few weeks up to a few months to complete, but this is led by the volunteer. All Caseworkers will have an informal interview with the local branch and will need to provide references and pass an enhanced DBS check before beginning induction.

#### Skills and qualifications:

- Good listening and communication skills, including written and spoken English
- Ability to be respectful and non-judgemental with clients, their family, other agencies and SSAFA colleagues
- Ability to make enquires on behalf of clients by phone, email, letter or by filling in forms
- Willingness to use their online case management system (this is covered in the caseworker training course) and good IT skills
- Ability to keep within boundaries of the role with regard to friendship or giving advice
- Reliable attitude, contact clients promptly, keep appointments, update the branch regarding your availability
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and keep information safely
- Access to public transport or a car to travel to appointments with clients
- Able to provide two referees: former employers or other people that know you well (other than relatives)

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## Social Mentor Volunteer - Rotherham and Barnsley Mind

Rotherham and Barnsley Mind's Social Mentor Volunteer offers facilitation  Rotherham and Barnsley support to their group sessions consisting of service users with mental health issues.

Social sessions provide an opportunity for peer support; relearn lost skills and find new ones; regain confidence and self-esteem; reduce social isolation; increase independence and to build a new social network.

The Social Mentor will greet service users on arrival – especially ones who are new to the group. Making them feel supported, encourage social interaction with peers and participate in the programmed activities.

For more information, please contact Claire Rowley / Liz Hopkinson:  
Email: [claire.rowley@rbmind.co.uk](mailto:claire.rowley@rbmind.co.uk) / [Elizabeth@rbmind.co.uk](mailto:Elizabeth@rbmind.co.uk) or if you are interested in applying, please email [contactus@rbmind.co.uk](mailto:contactus@rbmind.co.uk) to request an application pack.

## Volunteer Telephone Befriender - Rotherham and Barnsley Mind

Role Description: To provide companionship and support via weekly  Rotherham and Barnsley contact to reduce social isolation to people living in the Barnsley area.

### Tasks Involved:

- To make weekly telephone calls to a range of clients from all walks of life to support in reducing their social isolation.
- To adapt topics of conversation accordingly, considering the needs and life experience of each individual client.
- To listen to the client and to ensure that the conversation is client led.
- To inform the Service Lead of any concerns regarding the client's welfare or potential safeguarding issue in line with our policy and procedures.
- To participate in group supervision session with other volunteers chaired by the Project Coordinator.
- To participate in individual supervision and support in line with RB Mind's volunteer policy and procedures.
- To participate in mandatory training.
- Helping individuals keep up to date with RB Mind services.

For more information please contact Claire Rowley / Liz Hopkinson:  
Email: [claire.rowley@rbmind.co.uk](mailto:claire.rowley@rbmind.co.uk) / [Elizabeth@rbmind.co.uk](mailto:Elizabeth@rbmind.co.uk)  
or if you are interested in applying, please email [contactus@rbmind.co.uk](mailto:contactus@rbmind.co.uk) to request an application pack.

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# Support Services

**We know  
that being  
a parent  
can be  
tough**

If you're a new parent and live in the Barnsley Central Area we can support you and your family through the ups and downs of family life. Whether it is your second child or a new addition to your family or you are caring for a young relative. We work alongside you during pregnancy, the birth and until your child's s third birthday. We offer you support, advice and a listening ear in person and over the phone.

**Find out more, call Lesley on 07971 253308  
or email [LesleyB@familylives.org.uk](mailto:LesleyB@familylives.org.uk)**



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# Things to do

This month, Action For Happiness have created a calendar is full of ideas to help you build your toolkit of resilient behaviours. They also have a podcast you can listen to, to help you put some of these ideas into action!

<https://actionforhappiness.podbean.com/e/josies-guide-to-jump-back-up-july-2021/>

# THINGS TO DO

**Jump Back Up July 2021**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
5 Get the basics right: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time	6 Pause, breathe and feel your feet firmly on the ground	7 Shift your mood by doing something you really enjoy	8 Avoid saying "must" or "should" to yourself today	9 Put a problem in perspective by seeing the bigger picture	10 Reach out to someone you trust and share your feelings with them	11 Look for something positive in a difficult situation
12 Write your worries down and save them for a specific 'worry time'	13 Challenge negative thoughts. Find an alternative interpretation	14 Get outside and move to help clear your head	15 Set yourself an achievable goal and take the first step	16 Find fun ways to distract yourself from unhelpful thoughts	17 Use one of your strengths to overcome a challenge today	18 Let go of the small stuff and focus on the things that matter
19 If you can't change it, change the way you think about it	20 When things go wrong, pause and be kind to yourself	21 Identify what helped you get through a tough time in your life	22 Find 3 things you feel hopeful about and write them down	23 Remember that all feelings and situations pass in time	24 Choose to see something good about what's gone wrong	25 Notice when you are feeling judgmental and be kind instead
26 Catch yourself over-reacting and take a deep breath	27 Write down 3 things you're grateful for (even if today was hard)	28 Think about what you can learn from a recent problem	29 Be a realistic optimist. Focus on what could go right	30 Reach out to a friend, family member or colleague for support	31 Remember we all struggle at times - it's part of being human	

**MONDAY** **TUESDAY** **WEDNESDAY** **THURSDAY** **FRIDAY** **SATURDAY** **SUNDAY**

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## Local Fundraising

### Kelsey's Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge!

Kelsey is our finance assistant here at Barnsley CVS, and she has set herself the challenge to walk the Yorkshire 3 Peaks and raise funds for Barnsley Hospice. She is so close to her target amount!

Kelsey says -

"This year, I wanted to challenge myself like no other. I'm already very proud of what I have done for charity so far and want to push myself even further by doing something that is completely out of my comfort zone and something that will be a HUGE challenge for myself.

So on 12 September 2021 I will be tackling the Yorkshire 3 Peaks with my best friend Jess.

I can promise you I'm not taking my preparation lightly as I know it's going to be tough. I'll try and post updates on my Just Giving page for everyone to see how my training is getting along.

Any donations are hugely appreciated as this is a charity so close to my heart.

Barnsley Hospice cared for both my nanan and grandad in their last few weeks and made it as comfortable as possible for them and us. It is something I will never forget and always appreciate.

So please any donation however little it may seem would mean the world to me"

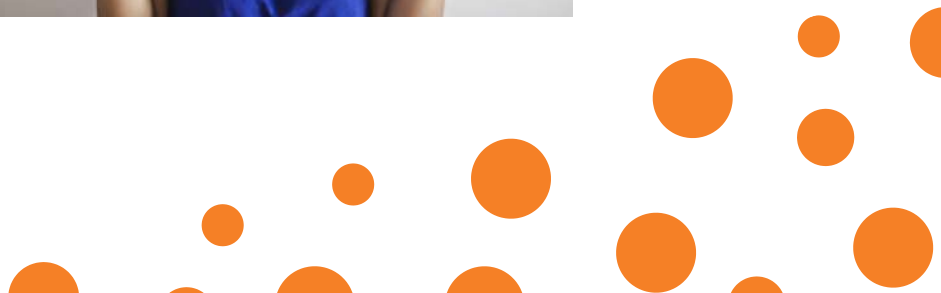
If you would like to contribute to Kelsey's fundraiser or see her progress, you can visit her Just Giving page here - <https://bit.ly/3dBCar1>

We wish her all the best of luck in her training, and we will keep you updated on her journey!



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### YMCA BARNSELEY

#### Sessional Youth Worker

Hourly Rate: £13.38 per hour inclusive of Holiday Pay

Fixed term until March 31st 2023 and may be extended subject to funding

An exciting and unique opportunity to work for a local charity supporting children and young people.

We are recruiting sessional youth workers to join our Programme Team delivering positive youth work with children and young people in youth club, afterschool and detached youth work settings.

This post requires someone who is committed to working with children and young people and with experience of working with them in variety of settings. You will be enthusiastic, friendly, and approachable and able to inspire and maintain effective relationships with children and young people,

A local part time JNC Community and Youth Work Qualification or equivalent would be an advantage, but not essential.

You will be required to be flexible in your hours of work and there are options to work after school and/or evenings, during school holidays and occasional weekends.

The post is subject to enhanced DBS and Permission to work in the UK checks.

For applications and information email: [info@ymcabarnsley.org.uk](mailto:info@ymcabarnsley.org.uk)

Closing Date: 28th July 2021







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To apply for the volunteer opportunities in this newsletter, you can visit our website at [barnsleycvs.org.uk](https://barnsleycvs.org.uk) or make an appointment to speak to one of our volunteer advisers who can tell you more about the opportunity and help you apply.

Phone [07939521425](tel:07939521425) to make a one to one personal appointment. This will put you through to Yasmin, our volunteer coordinator.

Appointments will currently be conducted via the phone, text or email.

Our library drop in is currently suspended until further notice.

Our volunteer opportunities update on a daily basis, so to keep up to date and see special volunteering events, follow the volunteer centre on Twitter [@VCBarnsley](https://twitter.com/VCBarnsley) or like us on Facebook or Instagram [@BarnsleyCVS](https://www.instagram.com/BarnsleyCVS) or YouTube Channel - Barnsley CVS!

If you would like to subscribe to the newsletter please visit [barnsleycvs.org.uk/volunteering/newsletter](https://barnsleycvs.org.uk/volunteering/newsletter)

The best efforts have been taken to ensure everything we have published is correct as of 2 July 2021.



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