

Volunteer Parent and Toddler Group Leader

About The Salvation Army (localise if required)

We are The Salvation Army and we put our Christian faith into action by offering practical help for people without discrimination, standing up for those who are vulnerable, fighting against injustice and encouraging people to deepen their relationship with God. The services we offer are diverse and responsive to the realities of life in the communities we serve.

About the role:

Do you enjoy being around toddlers and their parents and carers? Are you looking to use your valuable experience to make a difference in a thriving community setting? Could you lead and develop a parent and toddler group to support the mission and ministry of The Salvation Army? If so, get in touch, we'd love to hear from you. Currently, we are looking for a volunteer leader to organise, lead and develop our parent and toddler group.

Location:

(Type in title of setting and location)

Time commitment:

(add that in here), attendance and frequency of activity as agreed with the corps officer/leader or centre manager

Role requirements:

This role requires a satisfactory criminal records check
(Disclosure check level, type ie DBS / Disclosure Scotland / AccessNI, and workforce)

Accountable to:

Corps officer / leader or centre manager

What you'll be doing:

- Supporting the mission and ministry of the local Salvation Army expression
- Effectively communicating the value of the parent and toddler group as part of the corps/centre programme
- Organising, leading and developing a welcoming and inclusive parent and toddler group in accordance with current good practice
- Building positive relationships with all parents, carers, their families, the volunteer team and the local Salvation Army community

- Promoting opportunities for connections between the parent and toddler group, other local Salvation Army activities and relevant community resources
- Planning a parent and toddler group programme that includes opportunities to share and celebrate the good news of Jesus
- Providing a safe space and resources to support family wellbeing including
 - Creative play, learning and social interaction for children
 - Friendships between parents, carers and the team
 - Healthy relationships within families
 - Practical assistance where necessary
- Overseeing all administrative, financial and safety aspects of the group, including supervising the volunteer team
- Engaging with ongoing learning opportunities and building connections with the wider Salvation Army and other relevant organisations

Skills/experience needed:

- To work in sympathy with the aims, objectives and Christian ethos of The Salvation Army
- Good interpersonal and effective communication skills
- Ability to lead a volunteer team
- Experience of working with families
- Ability to organise and facilitate an engaging programme
- Knowledge of other local provision and agencies in order to signpost when required
- Commitment to safeguarding and protecting vulnerable children/adults, professional confidentiality and to raise concerns where necessary
- Understanding of Salvation Army Safe Mission, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, finance, administrative and GDPR Policies

What you'll get from us:

- Salvation Army volunteer induction training including Safeguarding, Safe Mission, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion and GDPR via online learning or local training events
- Bespoke training in leading a parent and toddler group delivered by the Family Ministries Department and opportunity for further training and development
- Regular meetings with the line manager and team
- Experience of leading a parent and toddler group that is an integral part of the whole corps/centre programme

Main points of contact:

Salvation Army corps officer / leader, centre manager, volunteer team, parents, carers and children

Practical considerations

- Our voluntary roles are subject to an informal interview and introductory period.
- Before you can start volunteering, you'll need to provide two references, a criminal records disclosure check, and complete our online training modules.
- At The Salvation Army we don't want you to be out of pocket by volunteering, so we are happy to reimburse any agreed out-of-pocket expenses you incur whilst volunteering.