

Role - Toddler Group Volunteer

About The Salvation Army (localise if required)

We are The Salvation Army and we put our 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 help at 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 volunteers help make our toddler group a great place to be for all who come.

Location:

Type in title of setting and location.

Time commitment:

Attendance and frequency of activity as agreed with corps officer / leader, toddler group leader or centre manager.

Role requirements:

You may be required to complete a criminal records check (Disclosure check level, type ie DBS / Disclosure Scotland / AccessNI, and workforce)

Accountable to:

Parent and toddler group leader, corps officer / leader, centre manager

What you'll be doing:

- Supporting the mission and ministry of the local Salvation Army expression
- Assisting in the smooth running of a welcoming and inclusive parent and toddler group in accordance with current good practice
- Welcoming parents, carers and their families to the group
- Building positive relationships with all parents, carers, their families, the toddler group team and the local Salvation Army community
- Seeking to connect families with other activities/support available at The Salvation Army and signposting to relevant community resources
- Assisting in delivering a toddler group programme that includes opportunities to share and celebrate the good news of Jesus

- Working with other members of the team to provide 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
- Assisting in the smooth running of the group with tasks such as taking the register, setting up toys and tidying away, helping with craft activities and sensory play and providing basic refreshments
- Undertaking administrative and financial tasks as required and working within The Salvation Army's Safe Mission and Safeguarding policies
- Engaging with ongoing learning opportunities

Skills/experience needed:

- To work in sympathy with the aims, objectives and Christian ethos of The Salvation Army
- Good interpersonal and communication skills
- Empathy for families and the issues they may face
- Ability to take direction and work within a volunteer team
- Some experience of working with children, adults and/or families
- Ability to facilitate an engaging programme
- Some 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
- Commitment to understanding of Salvation Army Policies as required eg 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 for parent and toddler group teams delivered by the Family Ministries Department and opportunity for further training and development
- Regular meetings with the line manager and team

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.