# **NSPCC Schools Service Volunteer Role Profile**

You will make a difference in the lives of children and young people when you teach them how to speak out and stay safe from abuse. Visiting one primary school at a time, you will deliver energetic, enthusiastic presentations that inspire courage and create confidence. You will:

* co-deliver engaging assemblies and workshops to primary-aged children
* give and take feedback to help keep up high standards
* sensitively handle and report any concerns you have about a child

## **Your skills and personality**

While we are committed to training volunteers, applicants do need to meet certain criteria for this role. Can you demonstrate the following traits?

* A genuine passion for helping children and young people
* A sensitive and supportive nature
* The ability to think on your feet
* The desire to make an impact
* The ability to work in a team
* Basic IT and email skills
* An empathetic and non-judgmental outlook
* The ability to communicate and engage with children
* Experience presenting to groups of people (helpful but not essential)
* An openness to feedback, learning and continuous improvement
* Access to own transport desirable dependent on area of the country

## **Your commitment**

When you volunteer for the NSPCC, you commit your time, energy, and emotional strength. It is a big commitment, so we would like to make it clear what we are asking for.

* Participation in an extensive induction process with practice sessions, home study, and multiple school visits to help you learn the material
* Attendance at a two-day training course
* Following the induction period, a minimum of two school visits every month

And do not worry; you will get plenty of support

## **Our commitment to you**

Throughout your time volunteering with us, you will get support from both a supervisor and the existing team of experienced volunteers. Your allocated supervisor will also give you one-to-one and group supervision regularly.

In addition to this, you'll have the opportunity to:

* learn new skills and gain new experiences and obtain recognition for your contributions
* make a difference to children within your local area
* be part of a friendly, team of like-minded people

And you can also reclaim your travel expenses (car mileage, bus or train) in line with NSPCC's travel expenses policy.

## **Important things we need to ask you for**

During your application, we will also need to do some routine safeguarding checks. These include an enhanced criminal record check - such as Access N.I. check for Northern Ireland, Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) for Scotland and an Enhanced DBS check for England. For us to carry out these checks, we will ask you to give us all the relevant documents at your interview.

We will also need at least two satisfactory references covering a minimum period of five years with no gaps. Unfortunately, references from partners, ex-partners or family members cannot be accepted.

## **I have a question that is not answered here**

If you have any questions about the role then don't hesitate to get in touch with us on 0121 227 7577 or at volunteerrecruitment@nspcc.org.uk.

## **Okay, I'm ready to apply**

Then start your application.

After you create a login you will be asked to answer a series of questions. Please make sure you complete these and all sections of your application form.

When completing the application form it is important to refer to this role description, giving as much detail as you can, including specific examples for each question.

After submission, you'll be sent an e-mail about what happens next. If you're successful, we'll invite you to an interview, usually no later than eight weeks after you applied.

For now, thanks for your interest, and we look forward to getting your application.

## **Apply online now**

https://ioin-us.nspcc.org.uk/volunteers Or contact **0121 227 7577** or volunteerrecruitmentcainspcc.org.uk

### **Your Application**

There are several different stages of your application process, so we've put together some guidance that covers everything you need to know.

#### **1. Your Online Application**

Your online application is your chance to tell us how your skills and experience meet those described within the Schools Service volunteer role specification.

This can take some time to complete fully but once you have registered, you'll be able to save and re-visit i until you are happy to click the submit button.

#### **2. Your interview**

Your interview is a great opportunity to find out more about what volunteering for the Schools Service is like. It is also a chance for us to get to know you a bit better and explore how your values fit with the NSPCC's.

#### **3. Safeguarding checks**

To protect the children who are visited by our Speak out. Stay safe. programme, we ask all our volunteers to undertake safeguarding checks.

We will use your completed safeguarding form and your selected ID documents to process these checks (information on what ID you need to bring will be supplied before your interview) and the cost of these will be covered by us.

#### **4. Your training**

Our online child protection training will build a good foundation of knowledge before you start the face-to-face training.

The various courses will provide necessary information on the work of the various departments within the NSPCC, its core values and how they influence the way in which we work. It will also detail all the resources available through the NSPCC Schools Service.

After you complete your online modules, you will attend a two-day training course.

During these two days you will meet other new and current volunteers. And you will cover a range of topics such as representing the NSPCC, safeguarding within schools, presentation skills and delivery resources.

#### **5. Welcome to the team**

Once you have completed your training, you will be ready to start volunteering with us.