

**LAMBETH & WANDSWORTH**

 **SUMMER CAMPS**

**VOLUNTEER INFORMATION**

***The group that you are volunteering to help?***

We are a voluntary organisation who work in partnership with Lambeth and Wandsworth Police and other agencies and endeavour to tackle the issues of crime diversion, deprivation and poverty by providing crime diversionary initiatives and activities for 9 to 16 year old inner city young people.

***What activities will my role include?***

The Project’s recreational and educational activity programme aims to challenge, stimulate and interest. In keeping with the Project’s themes of Crime Diversion / Prevention and Good Citizenship, the workshop programme includes the issues of Gang issues, Anti-Street Robbery, Burglary, Bullying, Graffiti, Litter, Truancy, Racism, Drugs & Alcohol Awareness and incorporate issues of the environment and people's quality of life.

The young people express their thoughts or ideas of the above themes through computers, drama, music, arts & crafts, dance, video and photography.

The activities programme includes rock climbing, canoeing, sailing, ice skating, ten pin bowling, and day trips. A day long programme of on-site and off-site sports activities will involve basketball, football training, table tennis, tennis, cricket, badminton and much more.

***What if there are some activities I am unable to participate in?***

There is no problem if, for some reason, a volunteer cannot participate in all activities but it will help if we know beforehand.

***Are there any restrictions for volunteers?***

Volunteers are an important and integral part of the Projects and we welcome those **18 years and over**. Because the role involves working with children a volunteer must either produce either their own Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) Check or be prepared to have a police check carried out.

***What are the dates and times of the Projects and where will I work?***

The Project dates may very slightly each year but they run from Monday to Friday from 9am to 4 pm for either 4 weeks at 2 centres. Volunteers will benefit most if they are available to help for at least 5 days.

***Do I need any skills?***

Qualifications or skills are an advantage but not necessary. Our training sessions are of immense value to volunteers and demonstrate the importance we place on interaction with inner city young people, getting along with fellow staff members and a willingness to operate as part of a team.

Our programme of activities is so diverse that we always welcome any innovative ideas, skills or initiatives that a volunteer is able to bring to the Projects.

***Who will I work alongside?***

New volunteers work alongside others with past summer camp experience, which includes committee members, Police officers and various other Police staff, Lambeth Volunteer Cadets, students, and summer placement staff.

***Will help be at hand if I have a problem?***

Volunteers play a vital role in the summer camps and we want them to feel comfortable. The Projects have in place a procedure should a volunteer wish to raise an issue or have a problem.

***Are there policies and insurance in place?***

We have in place a Child Protection Policy, Health & Safety Guidelines and an Equal Opportunity Policy. All those who work on the projects are covered by public liability insurance provided through the Metropolitan Police.

***Do I get any expenses reimbursed?***

Fares are reimbursed on production of a ticket or other proof of payment.

***Do the Lambeth Summer Camps have a website?***

Yes. [www.lambethsummercamps.org](http://www.lambethsummercamps.org) and [www.parallel](http://www.parallel)youthenterprise.com

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