

SMASH

Volunteer group leader role description

Commitment:

At least one full SMASH week during the 2019 school summer holidays.

Week	Dates	Theme	Location
Week 1	24 th July-26 th July	Multi Sports	Stockwood Park Academy
Week 2	29 th July-2 nd August	Performing Arts	University of Bedfordshire
Week 3	5 th August-9 th August	Outdoor Adventures	TBC
Week 4	12 th August-16 th August	Multi Sports	TBC
Week 5	19 th August-23 rd August	Performing Arts	University of Bedfordshire
Week 6	26 th August-30 th August	Outdoor Adventures	Chantry Primary Academy

Every week is Monday-Friday. Every day is 9am-4pm.

About SMASH

SMASH is a six-week summer scheme for 8-12 year-olds in Luton who are affected by poverty. The activities they take part in are designed to improve their confidence and social skills and give them the fun experiences they normally miss out on.

Most importantly, SMASH makes them happy. With 75 children attending each of the six weeks, SMASH will make 450 children very happy. Doesn't that sound like something you want to be a part of?

Each day, children will get coach transport to and from SMASH, breakfast and a hot lunch. They'll get to try out drama, dance, art & design, football, tag rugby, basketball and athletics; they'll learn how to start fires, build shelters, purify water and go camping in the great outdoors; plus they'll see a live play, and meet professional actors and footballers.

Your role

We need enthusiastic and responsible volunteers to guide children through their amazing time on SMASH.

Volunteers will lead small groups of children through each day, keeping them together, giving them encouragement, making sure they feel able to participate, and offering them pastoral support if they are having difficulties.

Within reason, volunteers will also assist with the running of activities.

Volunteers will be matched up with staff from the participating schools. School staff will act as mentors, giving advice and guidance on how to effectively work with children.

Your responsibilities

- Work towards the vision of Level Trust, which is to eliminate the impact of poverty on children's education
- Build healthy relationships with children, ensuring they feel safe, have fun and interact well with others
- Support children with behaviour management and pastoral support
- Help other volunteer build positive relationships with children
- Give and receive feedback as part of the SMASH team
- Follow Level Trust's policies (particularly Health & Safety, Equal Opportunities and Safeguarding) and help others to do the same
- Attend training prior to SMASH
- Complete a DBS check if you are aged 18 or over (Level Trust will lead this process)

About Level Trust

Level Trust was established in April 2013 to help children living in poverty in Luton by reducing the effect that poverty has on their experience of school. We do this by working in partnership with Luton schools to provide practical support including free school shoes, warm winter coats, school uniform, home learning resources and enriching activities in the summer. In just 6 years since the charity's establishment, Level Trust has supported over 6,000 4-16 year-olds across Luton.

Our values

We...

- ... are committed to true **partnership** working, believing it brings about the best results
- ... treat all people with the utmost **dignity**
- ... believe that all children deserve to be safe, happy and **have fun**
- ... are **generous** and try to give other people the best of what we have
- ... are **passionate about Luton**, enjoy all it has to offer and see our work as contributing towards making it even better

How to join the SMASH team

Complete an application form (download it from leveltrust.org/get-involved/volunteer) and return it to christian.iszchak@leveltrust.org

Paper application forms are also available if you need to complete it by hand. To get a paper application form, please email christian.iszchak@leveltrust.org