**Summer Activity Scheme**

**Volunteer**

Role Description

**Reporting to:**  Youth and Schools Project Manager

**Commitment:** Available from 26/07/2021 – 26/08/21

**Length:** 1 - 5 weeks, Monday to Thursday, throughout the Summer Holidays

**Level Trust**

Level Trust was established in April 2013 to empower children living in poverty in Luton by providing what they need to thrive in life and at school. We do this by working in partnership with Luton schools to provide practical support including free school shoes, warm winter coats, school uniform, learning equipment for the home and enrichment activities in the holidays. Last year we supported nearly 5000 children.

Level Trust’s Summer School, SMASH will be returning this year to run it’s, week-long holiday programme for 8 - 12-year-old children in Luton. The children we work with live below the poverty line and need more opportunities to develop their literacy skills. Many of the children we work with also speak English as an additional language. Each year, the project has been brilliantly received by children, parents and teachers across Luton, with participating children growing in confidence, improving their literacy skills and developing their social skills as a result of SMASH.

**Role purpose**

Level Trust is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help us run our SMASH Summer School. We have a planned structured programme already in place with support of local partners. We are looking for volunteers to plan, prepare, deliver and review small group activities that will help children impacted by poverty to develop their confidence, future aspirations and interests.

**Duties and responsibilities**

1. Support the development of Level Trust’s SMASH project

* Understand and work towards the vision of Level Trust
* Attend training prior the Summer School
* Embody the values of Level Trust, inspiring others to get involved
* Build relationships with children during each session, ensuring that they feel safe, have fun and form positive relationships with other children and adults during SMASH

2. Support in managing groups of children and lead safe and well-organised team activities and reading sessions:

* Contribute to facilitating the SMASH Summer School
* Follow all Level Trust policies during SMASH including Health and Safety, Equal Opportunities and Safeguarding
* Provide behaviour management and pastoral support for children during each session
* Deliver impact measurement activities within each workshop session

3. Support other Level Trust volunteers

* Help other volunteers to build positive relationships with children attending the summer school
* Give and receive feedback, as part of the SMASH Summer School team
* Contribute to team meetings before, during and after the week of Summer School
* Follow Level Trust’s policies and help others to do the same

**Person Specification**

We are looking for people who...

* Have experience of working with children and young people.
* Understand the needs of children in Luton and are able to work well with people from all backgrounds.
* Are responsible and reliable.
* Have the confidence and skills to motivate, lead and support a group of children and young leaders.
* Have excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

To apply please complete our volunteer application form. For more information contact **Rhys Barfoot** on **rhys.barfoot@leveltrust.org** or call **01582 550 070.**

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