

## ECHC Youth Work – Youth Work Volunteer

### About Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity (ECHC)

ECHC is the charity that supports hospital and healthcare settings for children across Edinburgh and the Lothians. We provide distractions, help pay to make spaces more welcoming and child friendly, support families and so much more. We aim to make the time that children spend in hospital that little bit easier, less scary, and more fun.

### Volunteer Role Description

Role Title	Youth Work Support Volunteer
Purpose of Role	To support an ECHC Youth Project Worker to visit RHCYP wards to deliver activities and youth work to children and young people.
Location	Paediatric Hospital Wards at Royal Hospital for Children and young people
Hours	Two slots available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Wednesdays, 1-4pm (weekly)</li> <li>▪ Thursdays, 1-4pm (weekly)</li> </ul> Minimum 6 month commitment
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support the hospital youth work team by accompanying our project worker on visits to the ward environment, delivering relationship based and detached youth work on a 1:1 and group basis through a range of engagement activities.</li> <li>▪ Liaising with staff members regarding infection control</li> <li>▪ To effectively engage with young people within a hospital/ward setting to facilitate their social, personal, and physical development through informal education.</li> <li>▪ Once trained and confident, you may spend time unaccompanied on the wards to hand out activity packs, check in with young people etc</li> <li>▪ Comply with hospital health and safety and infection prevention and control guidelines.</li> <li>▪ Supporting children and young people to engage in the youth project activities.</li> <li>▪ Feeding back to the youth work team regarding young people who might benefit from additional input</li> </ul>
Supervision	Emma Milligan Youth Project Worker
Person Specification	<p>We are looking for calm, friendly, approachable volunteers with the following skills and experience for this role:</p> <p>Essential:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Excellent communication skills</li> <li>▪ Understanding of issues impacting children and young people</li> <li>▪ Enthusiasm for developing knowledge around health-based youth work</li> <li>▪ Ability to adapt approach to young people with a variety of access needs</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Reliable</li><li>▪ Outgoing and fun!</li><li>▪ Team player</li></ul> <p>Desired:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Youth work experience either within the community, schools, or healthcare settings</li><li>▪ Have previous experience working within a hospital environment</li></ul> <p>Could be a great role for someone wanting to develop their experience.</p> <p>A PVG Disclosure check will be required for this role (organised by ECHC)</p>
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