

ECHC Youth Work – Zoo Support 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	Zoo Support Volunteer
Purpose of Role	<p>To support an ECHC Youth Project Worker to visit RHCYP wards to deliver activities to children and young people with Edinburgh Zoo.</p> <p>Edinburgh Zoo's Community Team visit RHCYP each week to deliver exciting educational activities for young people in hospital, in a fun and engaging way.</p>
Location	RHCYP
Hours	<p>Thursdays 9:30am - 12:00 noon, weekly</p> <p>Minimum 6 months commitment.</p>
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cleaning materials between use ▪ Liaising with staff members regarding infection control ▪ Liaising with staff to identify children and young people who would like to join in ▪ Supporting children and young people to engage in the activities ▪ Feeding back to the youth work team regarding young people who might benefit from additional input ▪ Contribute to evaluation at end of session
Supervision	ECHC Youth Work Team
Person Specification	<p>We are looking for calm, friendly, approachable volunteers with the following skills and experience:</p> <p>Essential</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Excellent communication skills ▪ Understanding of issues impacting children and young people ▪ Enthusiasm for developing knowledge around health-based youth work ▪ Ability to adapt approach to young people with a variety of access needs ▪ Reliable ▪ Team player ▪ Outgoing and Fun! <p>Desired:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Confidence in a clinical environment ▪ Youth Work Experience ▪ Enthusiasm for animals and animal science

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Experience in supporting facilitation of educational activities <p>A PVG Disclosure check will be required for this role (organised by ECHC)</p>
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