

# Volunteer role description

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Role details	
Role title	Youth Support Leader, Youth Services
Time commitment	Three hours a week – evenings and some weekends
Accountable to	Unit Manager

This person will be your main point of contact while volunteering for St John Ambulance. They will provide you with the support and supervision necessary for you to perform your role.

About St John Ambulance
No one should die because they needed first aid and didn't get it. St John Ambulance (SJA) teaches people first aid so they can be the difference between life and death, and you can help us do this.
Purpose of the role?
As a youth support leader you will help to deliver development opportunities on behalf of SJA through one of our programmes for young people (Badgers, Cadets, Peer Education, Youth First Aid or RISE). This will involve supporting young people alongside youth leaders, youth helpers and others.
What would you be involved in?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support the delivery and preparation of the unit's programme</li><li>• Assist in the provision of a safe, inclusive and open environment in which young people can learn first aid and explore contemporary values and issues including potential supervision of other adults during activities</li><li>• Encourage and support the empowerment and participation of young people</li><li>• In the absence of a senior member of the team, to take responsibility for the duty of care, health and safety and the safeguarding of the young people as necessary</li><li>• To undertake any training necessary in order to undertake the role</li><li>• Assist the Unit Management Team as appropriate with young people specific tasks.</li></ul>
What are we looking for?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An enthusiasm for the work of St John Ambulance and an appreciation of our values</li><li>• Someone who has an interest in supporting young people to develop</li><li>• Someone who has good communication skills, especially with young people</li><li>• Someone who is able to work as part of a team or on their own initiative under guidance</li><li>• Willing to undertake training as a SJA youth leader</li><li>• Willing to train as a first aider at events (but not essential)</li><li>• Willing to train as a SJA trainer (but not essential)</li><li>• Knowledge of St John Ambulance's youth activities (but not essential)</li><li>• Knowledge of St John Ambulance youth programmes (but not essential).</li></ul>
Support and training available?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Youth programmes policy and practice</li><li>• First aid training</li><li>• Youth leader training appropriate to role.</li></ul>
Location of this volunteering role?
Role is primarily unit based but can include working with Regional Youth Services team.
Role specific commitments?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Induction and training for role</li><li>• We would ideally like you to volunteer for us at least one session a week.</li></ul>

**This role is exempt from the provisions of the Rehabilitations of Offenders Act.**  
This role description is intended as an outline indicator of general areas of activity and will be amended in light of the changing needs of St John Ambulance. It is expected that the post holder will be as positive and flexible as possible in using this document as a framework.

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