

Thrive Youth Work Huntingdon – Volunteer Mentor

Role Description

- Role title: Thrive Volunteer Mentor
- Based: St Peter's Secondary School, Huntingdon
- Responsible to: Project Lead, Ruth Hunt
- Hours of work: Flexible

Overview of role

Thrive Youth Work Huntingdon is a Christian project that aims to see the lives of young people transformed. We do this by partnering with churches, schools, and communities to offer programmes that support the social, emotional, and spiritual growth of young people.

In your role as a Volunteer Mentor, you will provide young people with early intervention and pastoral support to help them develop independent skills to cope with issues such as anxiety and low self-esteem. This can either be done through weekly 1:1 and/or group mentoring over a set period (usually 6 weeks). This role would be a brilliant opportunity for anyone who would like to be part of our mission to serve and care for young people in the area and has experience working with young people. Hours can be flexible, and commitment can be discussed with the Project Lead/Mentoring Coordinator. Training will be provided.

It is important to note that our mentoring work is purely pastoral without a direct faith focus; we create space for conversations around faith in other strands of Thrive.

Role Responsibilities:

- Provide mentoring on a weekly basis to students in secondary school
- Take part in mentoring and safeguarding training with Thrive
- Follow the school's safeguarding procedures to ensure the welfare and safety of students
- Maintain appropriate and safe boundaries
- Communicate regularly with the school pastoral and safeguarding lead, and the Thrive Mentoring coordinator

Skills and Experience:

- Strong communication and listening skills
- Experience working with young people
- Able to follow safeguarding procedures
- Good understanding of mental health and social issues faced by young people
- Mentoring experience desirable, but not necessary

Qualities:

- Passionate about youth work and/or mental health
- Warm and approachable
- Reliable and trustworthy
- Organised and self-motivated
- Respectful and unjudgmental

For more information, or to arrange an informal conversation, please contact Ruth Hunt at ruth@thriveyouthwork.com