



VOLUNTEER YOUTH WORKER

The Octavia Foundation is a registered charity established by Octavia Housing, which provides support to Octavia's tenants and the wider community in order to improve their quality of life.

BASE is the Octavia Foundation's free cultural and creative club for young people aged between 7 and 21yrs, in Pimlico. The club is based in a fantastic building right on the River Thames and is a user-led space. Whilst the Octavia Foundation provides a range of activities for young people, the emphasis is on creating a user-curated programme of events. Previous sessions have included art workshops, dance classes, film screenings and music workshops. The space is equipped with a fully functioning kitchen, common room area and an office space that includes computers with internet access and a number of creative packages.

The Octavia Foundation are currently looking for a dedicated and enthusiastic volunteer youth worker to help us deliver our work with young people in central and west London. Our volunteer youth workers play an integral role in helping to facilitate our youth work sessions, including supporting activities such as cooking, media and music workshops, and providing general support and guidance for the young people.

Our volunteers always work alongside experienced youth workers and have lots of opportunities to learn and gain valuable experience.

You do not have to have formal qualifications to apply to become a volunteer youth worker, but some experience would be essential. However, below is a list of qualities and expectations that are **Essential** or **Desirable**.

Experience of interacting with young people between the ages of 13-21	E
Willingness to undergo training and attend occasional team meetings	E
Willingness to undergo a CRB check	E
Some knowledge of the social model of disability	D
Committed to Octavia's diversity policy	E
Ability to commit to 4 hours per week for six months, Mon, Tues or Thurs evenings	E
Interest/knowledge of music, dance, film-making, media, art	D
Enthusiasm to help improve the lives of young people in London	E
Ability to work well in a team and take direction from co-workers	E
Knowledge of the issues faced by young people	D
Be able to communicate effectively with young people, no matter their background, race, culture, faith, gender, sexual orientation, ability, political persuasion etc	E

This post is subject to two satisfactory references and a CRB check. For more information or to download an application pack please visit www.octaviafoundation.org.uk

Session Information

BASE Sessions take place every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday - and is open for young people aged 13-21 on Mondays and Thursdays from 5-9pm and on Tuesday's for younger children aged 7-12 from 5-8pm. The Octavia Foundation reimburses travel costs for the young people and serves a tasty and nutritious hot meal at each session.

Rewards through Volunteering with us

- ✓ Experience in working with a diverse group of adults and young people in an exciting, creative environment
- ✓ A chance to support children and young people through the most important transitional time of their lives
- ✓ Experience in creating a user-led innovative programme for young people designed to encourage and explore their talents, aspirations and ideas
- ✓ Travel expenses reimbursed, up to £5 per day upon receipt
- ✓ Lunch expenses up to £3 per day when working over 8hours
- ✓ A chance to expand your volunteering work through our other community focused projects including our Befriending service and the Octavia Foundation Charity Shops
- ✓ An invite to our annual Volunteer Awards dedicated to celebrating the work of our committed voluntary workforce