



Becoming a Pyramid volunteer club leader

What is Pyramid?

Not all children feel happy, confident and able to cope all of the time. For quiet and shy children, the hustle and bustle of a busy school can be overwhelming. Sometimes these children don't feel able to make their voices heard, so sadly their needs can get overlooked.

Pyramid clubs support children in developing their self-confidence and building friendships, which often helps them feel happier, enjoy school more and find it easier to learn.

What's so special about Pyramid clubs?

- They are run by a minimum of three specially trained club leaders.
- They take place after school for ten weeks.
- Each session lasts about one and a half hours.
- The clubs are free.
- They are lots of fun – activities include cooking, arts and crafts, indoor and outdoor games, and active play.
- Children who might benefit are individually invited to the club.
- Out-of-pocket expenses are paid.



“ It has been the most precious, valuable experience I’ve ever had. ”

(Volunteer club leader)



The Pyramid club ethos

Pyramid clubs are based around four key elements: praise and recognition; new experiences; responsibility; and friendship and security.

Pyramid and its volunteers

As a volunteer club leader, you will receive full training to work in a small team to plan and run activity groups for children and young people aged between 5 and 14. The children have been identified by their schools as needing a boost to their confidence and self-esteem.

Volunteers are central to the success of Pyramid. Each club is run by three or four trained volunteer club leaders. These leaders work together to have fun and provide a small group of children with the vital support and skills they need to integrate into school, grow in confidence, develop friendships and gain in self-esteem.

Benefits of volunteering

Becoming a Pyramid volunteer will enable you to:

- have the option to work towards an OCN qualification
- take part in training
- improve your personal health
- have a sense of personal achievement
- act on your values and beliefs
- use your skills and experience for the benefit of the community
- learn new skills and have new experiences
- develop your self-confidence.

What is expected of a volunteer?

As a volunteer Pyramid club leader, you will need to:

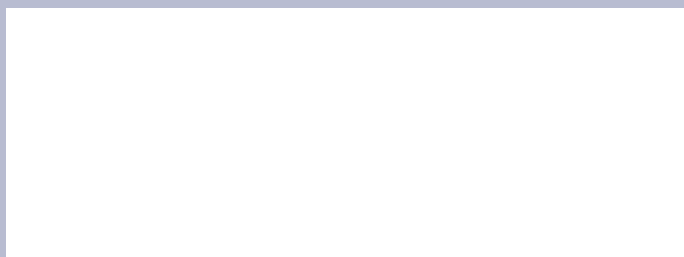
- offer a ten-week commitment
- attend two days of pre-club training
- work as part of a team
- give up some additional time for planning activities and basic record keeping
- provide end-of-club feedback on each child
- build relationships with parents and carers
- be committed to equal opportunities and diversity
- abide by school policies
- agree to an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check
- be reliable, honest, punctual, flexible, and have a sense of humour.

“Volunteering gave me first-hand experience of what working with children actually involved and how rewarding a job in childcare could be.”

(Gerri, hairdresser)

How can I find out more?

For further information about Pyramid in your local area, contact:



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