

VOLUNTEERS HELPING IN SCHOOLS

Do you help in your local primary school, or would you like to? Would you like to know more about how children learn and how you can help them? Do you think you may want to seek paid work in school in the future? If so this course is for you.

The course will include:

- working with teachers and pupils including safeguarding, inclusion and equal opportunities
- the part you can play in the classroom including learning practical skills
- how children develop and learn
- an introduction to the school curriculum and other educational policies

This course is for those who volunteer in a primary school for at least two hours each week. This **must** be agreed and arranged with the Head teacher **prior** to the start of the course. The slip at the bottom of this leaflet must be signed and returned before places can be allocated. Some schools **may** require you to have a DBS check so speak to your school as soon as you can to ensure there is no delay in starting in school as a volunteer.

There will be an opportunity on the course to gain a Level 2 Award - Support Work in Schools (TDA Recognised). This may be of interest to those who want to pursue a career working with children as this is a recognised qualification.

The course is designed to meet the needs of **volunteer helpers in school**, people who are not paid for their role as classroom assistants. However many participants are successful in gaining employment in schools after the course. Volunteering can lead to employment.

VENUE: St Lawrence's Children's Centre, Heslington Road, York YO10 5BW

TIME: 9.15am for 9.30am start to 2.45pm (with a short break for lunch)

STARTS: 10 sessions Tuesdays 13th Jan – 24th March 2015 (No sessions in school holidays)

FEES: FREE to those on eligible benefits. Financial support for course fees is available for students on low incomes subject to status. Evidence of benefit or household income must be provided. Course fee is £157.50. Special Offer – the Accreditation fee of £41.00 will be funded by the WEA during 2014-15.

To apply for a place please return the completed slip as soon as possible to:
WEA, 11 Ploughmans Lane, Haxby, York YO32 2WR

For further course information contact: Diane Quinney 07824 545919 dquinney@wea.org.uk

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Admission to the course is strictly limited to those who are volunteering in school

Course Venue: St Lawrence's Children's Centre, York

Your Name: _____ Tel: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Email _____

School where you will be helping: _____

For your Head teacher:

I confirm that the above named person is a volunteer in school for approximately 2 hours per week. (Please note start date of the course)

Head teacher's signature: _____ Date: _____