

## Role Description: Upbeat Kids

Upbeat is a charity that exists to help refugees settle and rebuild their lives in the UK. We want to see strangers become neighbours. We are looking for enthusiastic, caring and compassionate individuals to join the Upbeat team.

It is a privilege to work with such inspiring people from around the world. Whilst it is a serious commitment, this is an extremely rewarding opportunity to come alongside refugees and asylum seekers as they navigate life in the UK.



Responsible to: Elliot Cooper (Integration Manager)

Location: Trinity Baptist Church, Green Ln, Derby, DE1 1RT.

## Your Commitment

We require a 1-year commitment from all our volunteers. This role won't be set days and times, instead, events will be sporadic through the year – such as Saturdays or in school holidays. It may include a week of activities or a one-off afternoon. We want our volunteers to come to as much as possible as to build relationship with the families. Therefore, volunteers for Upbeat Kids will need to have a level of flexibility. New volunteers must also apply to volunteer regularly at the Integration Hub and a DBS will be required.

## Responsibilities

- To create a welcoming environment through setting up the room and helping with clear up at the end of each session.
- To register participants as they arrive, offer them a warm welcome and refreshments.
- To resource and prepare activities beforehand, if leading.
- To connect with the participants, building relationship with them.
- To join in with the activity, ensure everyone is included and help the participants, as necessary.
- To encourage participating families to come to further events and activities.

## Qualities Needed

Volunteers will need to be:

- Punctual and committed to good communication with project lead.
- Energetic, enthusiastic and engaging.
- Reliable, responsible and have good communication skills.
- Respectful of those from diverse cultures with different beliefs.
- A good listener and be able to provide emotional support.
- Able to connect with individuals and build community, rather than advise or counsel.

## Why Volunteer with Upbeat Kids?

Childcare and children's activities cost a lot of money. Often refugees and asylum seekers have large families and finances are limited. Without Upbeat Kids, families wouldn't be able to afford these activities, parents wouldn't get respite and children wouldn't have things to look forward to in the holidays. Volunteering with Upbeat Kids can make this happen.