

# About YLF

The Young Lives Foundation (YLF) is a leading children's charity in the South East of England with expertise in Advocacy, Mentoring and Befriending. YLF volunteers are the heart of what we do. They give over 34,000 hours every year, making a huge impact in our local community, providing positive outcomes for young people... and without them we could not operate.

## Our Volunteering Roles

**Befriending** - an Independent Visitor who meets, advises and befriends a young person in care, taking a long-term interest in their well-being and development.

**Mentoring** - a positive role model, who is there to guide and advise, striving to meet set goals to help young people achieve their potential.

**Accompanying Adult** - when unaccompanied children in the immigration system have their age disputed, an Accompanying Adult acts independently to ensure their age assessments are conducted properly and fairly.

**Appropriate Adult** - acts independently from the police to ensure that all processes necessary are conducted fairly and properly whilst a detained person is in custody.

There is also the opportunity to volunteer at our youth activity groups or events - get in touch or head to our website for more info!

# How To Apply

Become a positive role model for young people, a champion of their needs and aspirations, and someone who can listen and offer encouragement. **Apply TODAY!**



Head to [yfl.org.uk/resources](http://yfl.org.uk/resources) to apply online or download the application forms.



“Volunteering as a mentor is an absolute joy, knowing I’m making a positive change in a young person’s life.” - Jack



## Contact YLF Today

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# Volunteering



Gain a new experience,  
develop a career path,  
make friends and make  
a **HUGE** difference  
to the lives of young people!





## Ready To Volunteer?

Are you:

- ★ Passionate about helping young people reach their potential?
- ☆ Able to spare a minimum of two hours per month?
- ★ Able to commit to us for 6-12 months?
- ☆ A good listener and non-judgemental?

## Then You Are More Than Ready!



That's all you need - don't worry if you have no experience or qualifications in this type of work, we will equip you!

For more info and FAQ's head to:

[yfl.org.uk/volunteer](http://yfl.org.uk/volunteer)



## What Are The Benefits?



- ★ Be part of a community and help make it better
- ☆ Learn new skills and advance your career
- ★ Meet new friends and enjoy working as a team
- ☆ Feel happier and healthier



“He lights up when his volunteer comes to meet him. She has had such a positive effect on him and he has improved at school in so many ways. Huge credit to the volunteer.”

- Sue, School Teacher



There's loads more info at  
**[www.ylf.org.uk](http://www.ylf.org.uk)**



## Why Volunteer For YLF?

You will be valued by our close-knit team who will be there for you every step of the way.

We:

- ★ Provide training and handbooks, DBS checks, and supervision
- ☆ Provide a designated coordinator to give you round-the-clock support
- ★ Thank our volunteers by holding special events and social gatherings
- ☆ Welcome you to any of our hubs at any time
- ★ Offer opportunities to take part in charity events or fundraisers



And lastly you won't be out of pocket. YLF reimburses all authorised expenses and mileage.