**TRELOAR TRUST**

**VOLUNTARY HELPER ROLE DESCRIPTION**

**Voluntary Helper Role:** School Classroom - Voluntary Helper

**Location:** Treloar Campus (Holybourne)

**Contact Person:** Teacher / Volunteers Lead

**Why we need you**

Our School classrooms are enjoyable, vibrant and unique environments. Students benefit from our excellent teaching and support staff; however, Voluntary Helpers provide our students with additional support and interaction with members of the community. Voluntary Helpers will support students in a variety of classroom activities and will be supported in their duties by a teacher and other members of staff. Let us know your interests and expertise and we will place in you an appropriate classroom setting.

**What will I be doing?**

* Supporting students in a variety of classrooms activities:
	+ Reading / Writing
	+ Supporting students with their computer skills
	+ Life skills learning (i.e. cooking)
	+ Story Telling
	+ A variety of unique activities (art, sport, creative, etc.)

**How much time do I need to commit to?**

Voluntary Helpers should commit to one morning or afternoon a week. A commitment of one academic term is required.

**What skills do I require?**

1. Strong interpersonal skills and patience
2. Sensitivity and empathy towards the individual needs of the student
3. Ability to support students improve their independence
4. Positive attitude
5. The willingness to learn and have fun!

**What benefits can I expect?**

* Meeting new people
* Excellent training opportunities for those wishing to develop their CV
* Opportunity to use your skills in a unique and stimulating environment
* An enjoyable day
* Satisfaction and reward from knowing you are helping our students achieve their true potentials

**What training will be provided?**

It’s important that all Treloar Voluntary Helpers have the skills to perform well in their role, to comply with policies and procedures and to interact with the students. With this in mind Voluntary Helpers attend an induction and will be supported throughout their volunteering experience.

**Who are Treloar’s Voluntary Helpers?**

Treloar’s Voluntary Helpers are friendly and considerate community members who help Treloar’s achieve our mission. Voluntary Helpers donate their time and skills in a variety of roles and vary in age and experience; however, all Voluntary Helpers are committed to promoting and safeguarding the welfare of Treloar’s students.

**Why Volunteer with Treloar’s?**

Volunteering with Treloar’s is rewarding on a number of levels. Being a Voluntary Helper offers the opportunity to work (directly or indirectly) with young people who, because of disability or illness, require the very special support that we give them. Whether you are a student looking to gain experience working with young people to broaden your career path, a recent retiree who would like to share their skills, experience and time or a local resident who enjoys giving back to their community a Treloar’s Voluntary Helper role may be the perfect fit.

**What is Treloar’s?**

The Treloar Trust provides education, care, therapy, medical support and independence training to young people with physical disabilities from all over the UK and overseas. Our aim is to prepare these young people for adult life, giving them the confidence and skills to achieve their full potential.

Treloar School and Treloar College are run by the Trust. They are comprised of a non-maintained Nursery (2-5 years), School (4-18 years) and College (16 to 25 years). In School we challenge young people and nurture their abilities to prepare them for the next stage in their lives, our aim being that every student leaves having achieved at least one nationally recognised qualification. In College, our aim is to enable all learners to achieve their long-term goals of a more independent life and make a meaningful contribution to their community, including higher education and employment.

Our Vision

A world where physically disabled young people take control of their lives and achieve their aspirations

Our Mission

To enable physically disabled young people to achieve their aspirations by:

* Providing personalised learning, therapy and care
* Supporting transition into adulthood
* Promoting independence and inclusion

Our Values

*We are Inclusive*

Everyone – regardless of physical ability, where they live or socioeconomic background – should have the opportunity to take part in life. We treat our Beneficiaries with the same dignity as their non-disabled peers and work to remove barriers in their way.

Our students and Beneficiaries are always at the centre of everything we do. Before we make decisions, we ask, “How will our students and Beneficiaries benefit from this?”

*We act with Integrity and Respect*

Physically disabled young people should be free to direct their own lives. We listen to young people’s views and support them to make age-appropriate choices about their daily life and informed choices about their future.

We celebrate and promote diversity, value and support each other, and treat everyone with mutual respect. We support a culture of openness, honesty and transparency, where the safeguarding of our students and wellbeing of our staff is paramount.

*We strive for Excellence*

Physically disabled young people and their families deserve outstanding care and support. We work to make sure all our services are excellent and actively challenge each other to ensure continuous quality improvement.

We continually innovate to ensure that our Beneficiaries receive the cutting-edge, excellent support they deserve.

Treloar Trust is committed

to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults

All Voluntary Helpers will be subject to a Disclosure & Barring ServiceCheck along with other relevant safeguarding checks

ALL VOLUNTARY HELPER ROLE DESCRIPTIONS ARE SUBJECT TO THE TRUST’S EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES POLICY

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