

# VOLUNTEER FACILITATOR PERSON SPECIFICATION



## ABOUT FORCES CHILDREN SCOTLAND

Forces Children Scotland supports children and young people from armed forces and veteran families when it comes to mental health and wellbeing, education and learning, financial help, and much more. We provide life-changing experiences which help develop new skills, build confidence, and make friends with other young people with similar experiences.

## RUBY BOOTS PROJECT

The Ruby Boots Peer Support Project was an idea generated from a seven-day creative residential with children and young people from armed forces and veteran families.

Having come together to develop a campaign to explore creative means of communicating the transition to becoming a veteran family, it was decided that a campaign alone wasn't enough and that a buddy mentorship programme was needed to provide practical support. For a period of six months, young people who have parents leaving the armed forces will be matched with a buddy who has already undergone that process and will meet on a weekly basis to help them get prepared for their new civilian life. The meetings will be facilitated by an adult Volunteer Facilitator, who will help develop a buddy agreement that will agree on suitable activities and resources to enable this friendship to flourish and to ensure appropriate support and guidance is provided when required. The role of Volunteer Facilitator will be involved in conversations that may touch on topics such as confidence, loneliness, and being a young carer, amongst other worries.

## ROLE RESPONSIBILITIES

- > Supporting peer buddy relationships and offering ideas for peer meetings.
- > Provision of resources to facilitate peer meetings and formation of friendships.
- > Building positive relationships with children and young people.
- > Advocating for the young person within the school environment.
- > Adhering to Forces Children Scotland' policies and procedures.
- > Understand and respect the rights of the military/veteran children and young people in accordance to the Armed Forces Covenant.
- > Monitor and record meeting outcomes and events.

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## REQUIREMENTS ESSENTIAL

- > Experience spending time with children and young people.
- > Great communication skills with young people and their families.
- > Experience in building professional relationships.
- > Admin and IT skills.

## DESIRABLE REQUIREMENTS

- > Experience of life within the armed forces community.
- > Knowledge of current issues affecting children and young people from armed forces and veteran families.
- > Experience of using database programmes – full training will be given.
- > Full driving license and access to a car.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TRAINING DETAILS

We will provide a minimum of 1-2 training sessions with Forces Children Scotland's Learning & Development Worker to help enhance your understanding of the young people will be working with, through the Ruby Boots Project.

## COMMITMENT REQUIRED

- > 6 months minimum
- > 3 hours per week

## LOCATION

Various areas within Fife.