

# Thurrock Council volunteer role description

## Children's Centre play facilitator

<b>Supported by</b>	Children's Centre Manager
<b>Role summary</b>	The main role of the play facilitator is to contribute to a high standard of quality care and education in 'Stay and Play'-type sessions offered by the children's centre. The play volunteer will assist and support early years and play professionals, undertaking tasks as required.
<b>Location</b>	Various locations across Thurrock.
<b>How to apply</b>	Complete the application form at <a href="http://www.thurrock.gov.uk/volunteering">www.thurrock.gov.uk/volunteering</a>

### Tasks and responsibilities

You will be expected to:

- help set out and clear away play materials and equipment to ensure a welcoming, safe environment and maintaining high standards of hygiene
- assist in developing and maintaining an environment that promotes physical, emotional and social development for children of all ages and abilities, through a range of arts, crafts, games and activities, both indoors and outdoors
- welcome new families, helping them to experience the sessions as enjoyable and satisfying
- help children develop positive relationships with adults and other children, assisting them to play and learn effectively, and to increase their self confidence
- report any concerns regarding the physical and emotional well-being of a child to the designated senior member of staff

### Skills and experience

You must:

- have an interest in childcare
- be able to engage with people of all ages and backgrounds
- adopt a friendly, welcoming approach
- be committed to involving families in the work of the children's centre

### Time commitment

Times to be agreed with the Children's Centre Manager before volunteering.

## **Support you will get**

We will:

- reimburse expenses, as agreed
- provide induction training
- provide relevant training and development
- provide on-going support

**This role requires a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.**