

Volunteer with our Children:

Spring - Summer 2019

April

Journey Project 1

5th - 10th: Cohort A: Adventurers

10th - 15th: Cohort B: Braves

Darsham, Suffolk. A longer term, more intensive series of residential breaks for children who've already attended a Gateway project and are in need of deeper support. The usual outdoor fun, plus more focus on helping develop their stories about who they are, and who they can be. Each cohort will join us on 4 projects over a year. Come for one of the two cohorts, or stay for both.

NOTE: Continuity is important on our journey projects, so we will prioritise volunteers who are able to work with the same cohort more than once over the year.

16th - 22nd: Easter Escape Gateway Project

Swindon, Wiltshire. Our introductory project for children aged 8-11. Expect visits to the farm, campfires and perhaps some Easter eggs!

July & August

Thrive Outside Projects

Wk1: 25th - 31st Jul (*help also needed with set up for those who can arrive early from 22nd Jul*)

Wk2: 31st Jul - 6th Aug

Wk3: 6th - 12th Aug (*help also needed with clear up from those who can stay longer - up to 14th Aug*)

Nuthurst, Sussex. Our Summer Gateway projects - these projects will provide a horizon-broadening break for around 120 children, aged 8-13. At this stage you can sign up for one or two of the projects, (and we'd love your help with the set up and clear up too!).

Journey Project 2 (Camping)

19th - 24th Aug: Cohort A: Adventurers

23rd - 27th Aug: Cohort B: Braves

Venue tbc, likely Sussex. The second set of projects with our Adventurers and Braves - this time under canvas! Come for one project or stay for both.

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Fun in the Sun - Recurring Respite projects (Camping)

23rd - 28th Aug: Project 1

27th - 31st Aug: Project 2

Ashington, Sussex. Join us and some of our returning children from previous projects for some glamping fun at an idyllic lakeside safari camp! Come for one project or stay for both.

Yes please! How do I sign up?

If you are a new volunteer: please complete a [Volunteer Application Form](#). Once you submit it, we will email you with details of next steps, including dates for our forthcoming Training and Selection Days.

If you have volunteered with us before: please complete a [Returning Volunteer Form](#). Once you submit it, we will email you to let you know if we have a space for you.

Feel free to email us with any queries at recruitment@freetobekids.org.uk!



Help us in other ways:

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These projects do not require a DBS check to take part. Bring your friends - no volunteer form needed.

March

9th - 10th: Art Weekend

London - venue tbc (non-residential). A weekend filled with paint, fabric and other crafty stuff. If you're arty or good with a needle and thread, come and join us to make magical decorations to transform our project sites! ***We need as many folk as possible*** - *coming for a whole day is best, but you don't need to do both! Lunch and snacks provided.*

June

21st - 23rd: Advanced volunteer training weekend

North Downs, Kent. A weekend of training, discussions and workshops to build skills, grow confidence and talk together about making our projects the best they can be. We'd love you to come to this - we're hoping to get to a point where most folk attend regularly. **This training is for experienced helpers only** - new helpers receive training prior to undertaking projects with us. To ensure training provides the most benefit, we ask attendees undertake to volunteer with us at least twice over the coming 2 years.

Regular Volunteering Opportunities

Coming Soon!

Between May and July, we will be offering regular drop in and volunteer sessions at our exciting new London Waterloo office. Email us if you would like to receive further details when they're available.

Arts Evenings

No need for a regular commitment - this evening drop-in (day of the week tbc) will be a chance to enjoy a drink and put your crafty skills to good use creating artwork, banners, bunting and more to make our residential project sites magical!

Admin Evenings

If you're not arty, we'll also be holding evening drop in sessions where you can help us to get ahead with our admin mountain! Wine and extensive eternal gratitude provided!

Want to help in other ways?

Sign up to our **Team Freebie Mailing List** to find out about odd jobs, emergency admin and other ad-hoc support jobs. Task list emails are sent every few months and, if members have the time to get involved, they reply to receive further details. There's no pressure to sign up for tasks every time - simply dip in and out when you can. Some jobs can be done from a distance, others need volunteers to be based in London - we make this, and any other restrictions clear and include a time estimate for the completion of each task.

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