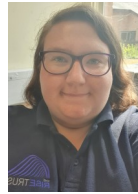


## Volunteer Team



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- All volunteer roles with The RISE Trust will be overseen by the Volunteer Co-ordinator
- All volunteers attend a half day Volunteer Induction Training session followed by the completion of online Safeguarding training
- Further training is provided dependant on the volunteering role
- Regular telephone or face to face progress meetings
- Volunteer Handbook and regular Volunteer Newsletters
- Access to additional training and opportunities as appropriate
- Any out of pocket expenses will be met by the trust
- Volunteer roles are covered under the RISE Trust public and liability insurance policies

**The RISE Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all volunteers to share in this commitment.**

**All volunteer roles are exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and are subject to satisfactory references, and enhanced disclosure and barring service (DBS) check and training as appropriate for the role.**

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# A guide to Volunteering



## The RISE Mission Statement

**"Through unconditional love, commitment & passion we seek to enable all children, young people and adults to be the best they can be."**

## Welcome to The RISE Trust

Thank you for your interest in volunteering your time to support the services we offer to families within the community.

Without volunteer support we would not be able to offer many of these services

Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, learn new skills and be a part of your local community.

Please see below an overview of the opportunities which may be available with RISE.



### **Bookstart:**



Could you help families learn to enjoy reading together? Bookstart is a 4 week programme where a volunteer spends time with a family to encourage a love of books and reading. Days and times to suit. All sessions take place within the school day during term time.

### **Family Visiting Service:**

FVS is a flexible, non-judgemental, universal family visiting service. The service can be accessed by anyone with a young family regardless of status or family situation. Volunteers visit families in their own homes to provide help, support and companionship. Volunteers would need to allow 2-3 hours per week during school term times.

### **RISE Youth:**

Can you give a couple of hours a week (evenings) to support our youth worker to deliver activities to engage our young people. Volunteers support our youth workers and



### **In-school mentor:** Chippenham primary schools

Mentoring provides children with an independent listening ear. Mentoring is relaxed and informal. It is positive, quality 1-1 time with an interested enthusiastic adult who only has the child's best interests at heart. If you have 2-3 hours a week to support local children during school term times this could be for you. Volunteers need to be able to offer at least a 6 month commitment to this role to ensure continuity for the child.

### **Breast Feeding Peer Support:**

Have you enjoyed being a breastfeeding mum? Would you like to support and encourage other mothers? Mum2Mum breastfeeding groups run within children centres or within community venues and virtually to provide peer support to expectant and breastfeeding mums by trained volunteer peer supporter.



### **Child Contact Centre:** Chippenham



The Child Contact Centre is a safe, friendly and neutral place where children of separated families can spend time with one or both parents, and sometimes other family members. It is a child-centred environment that puts the needs of the children first.

The centre runs on the first and third Saturday each month, 2.30pm – 4.30pm. Volunteers would need to be available from 2pm – 5pm.

### **Level 2 Qualification – Early Year's Practitioner**

If you are interested in gaining a qualification to work with children and gain valuable work experience at the same time this could be for you.

Learners volunteer for a minimum of 6 hours per week in a pre-school settings (term time) whilst attending weekly workshops at Swindon college (Weds evenings) to complete assignments.

The qualification can take up to 12 months to complete.

### **Children's Centre Sessions**

Supporting parents & their children at sessions in the Children's Centres and at different locations within the community.

