Markfield
Volunteer Role Description

Volunteer title: Open Access or Family Club volunteer

Purpose:
You will be involved in supporting disabled and non-disabled children to play together in open access sessions in Markfield's Adventure Playground and/or during Family Club. You will support and involve children in activities that are fun, stimulating, promote their development, and which support and encourage disabled children to take an active role in their community alongside their non-disabled peers.

Responsible to: Session Leader/ Play Development Manager

Hours of work: Saturdays 10.30-3.30pm

Roles and responsibilities

- Help set up and facilitate the session together with staff

- Welcome users and help at the front desk

- Encourage inclusive adventure play in Markfield's playground

- Support users to socially interact and build positive relationships

- Help tidy up & clean after sessions

- Work as part of a team

- Prepare for and participate in regular supervision meetings

- Complete relevant training courses as requested by Markfield

- Prepare for and attend regular supervision sessions and annual reviews with Markfield's Volunteer Co-ordinator

- To follow Markfield's policies and procedures in your volunteering practice

Qualities and skills you will need

- Some experience of providing care for other people and an interest in play
- Real enjoyment from the company of children and young people
- A sensitive, clear and friendly communication style
- Ability to work independently on your own initiative
- Understanding of the support needs of disabled people and their families
- Reliability
- Good listening skills
- A warm and patient personality
- An open-minded and non-judgemental approach to other people
- The ability to work flexibly
- Enthusiasm and willingness to learn new skills

Other relevant skills for the role
(These are not essential for your application)

- An ability to speak a local community language other than English
- Skills in non-verbal communication systems such as BSL, PECS etc