



Hummingbird Refugee Project

## Access to Education Volunteer

Are you passionate about supporting young people to access education? Learning English is a priority for the young people that we work with, but it can be difficult to find out where and when classes are happening. With limited English, the application process can also be very difficult to navigate. We are looking for a committed volunteer to work alongside the Education Lead to support young people to access English/ ESOL classes in and around Brighton. This will involve working directly with young people to help them to fill in application forms as well as keeping up to date about the classes that are happening and communicating with local colleges and training providers.

**Time commitment:** Every Thursday 1.30pm - 7.30pm (6 hours per week)  
Mid April - End of July 2024 (with opportunity to extend)

**Location:** BMECP centre, 10a Fleet Street, Brighton, BN1 4ZE

**Deadline to apply:** Midnight Sunday 10th March 2024

**Interview:** Tuesday 19th March 2024

**Start date:** Thursday 4th April or Thursday 11th April 2024 (TBC)

### **Role description:**

- Support young people with college applications
- Maintain up to date information about ESOL courses in Brighton and Hove
- Attend Brighton ESOL network meetings (2-3 times a year)
- Meet regularly with the Education Lead
- Keep a diary of college open days and other events
- Attend Learning Space (Thursdays 5:30 - 7:30pm)

### **Skills/ qualities:**

- Excellent communication skills
- Good at building relationships with 'partner' organisations
- Collaborative working style
- Dedication and reliability

- Experience of working with young people from refugee/ marginalised backgrounds
- Experience of working with people whose first language is not English
- Good at building relationships with young people
- Experience of teaching ESOL and/or working in further education is desirable
- An understanding of some of the barriers and challenges experienced by young people from refugee backgrounds

**What we we offer:**

- An induction to Hummingbird which will ensure you know what we're about and best practice with regard to safeguarding and other procedures
- Training: Safeguarding, trauma informed practice + other training to meet your particular needs
- DBS check, if needed
- Meet new people (we have termly volunteer and staff socials)
- An enthusiastic, dedicated team who will support you throughout
- The opportunity to work with an amazing group of young people in a positive and rewarding environment
- Reimbursement of travel expenses from within Brighton and Hove