



Volunteer Info Pack

Volunteer Role	Global Social Club Volunteer (Mondays)
Role Purpose	To provide informal support for our lively Monday youth group, Global Social Club, a space of welcome for all young people aged 14-25.
When?	Every Monday , except Bank Holidays, 4.15-8.30pm (4.25 hours per week) Volunteers must be able to commit to the role for a minimum of 6 months.
Where?	BMECP Centre, Central Brighton 10a Fleet Street, Brighton, BN1 4ZE Occasional sessions off-site for trips & activities around Brighton
Reporting to:	Global Social Club Lead @ The Hummingbird Project
Access:	Our sessions are held in an accessible building. Our group is delivered on the lower ground floor which can be accessed by a lift.

What is Global Social Club? *“It’s like a family here”* (GSC young person)

Global Social Club (GSC) is the UK’s first Youth Club of Sanctuary. It’s a space of welcome for young people aged 14-25 from around the city and around the world. GSC is centred on fun, friendship, creativity & celebrating diversity. It’s a warm and inclusive space for young people to connect and share experiences.

Founded in 2017 in response to the requests of young refugees who wanted a space to connect with more young people locally, GSC meets every Monday from 5-7pm for a semi structured session. Sessions follow a regular format which includes

facilitated games & activities, a shared meal and time to hang out. Our activities are designed to nurture connection and solidarity between young people of different backgrounds. As well as our Monday sessions we occasionally offer some additional activities (such as ice skating, go karting & horse riding).

Young people join GSC from a range of backgrounds, some are refugees who may have arrived in the UK recently, just beginning their life in Sussex with limited English, whilst others are college or uni students looking to make new connections. Our only 'criteria' is that people are aged 14-25. We regularly see 15 young people at our weekly sessions (and up to 30 on our most busy weeks).

Alongside activities we offer 1:1 support with specialist workers during GSC sessions. Our robust partnership has a range of strengths, enabling us to offer a safe and supportive environment for young people across a spectrum of vulnerability. GSC is run as a partnership between The Hummingbird Project, Pathways to Independence UK & Refugee Council.

Who are The Hummingbird Project?

The Hummingbird Project is a Brighton based charity working with young refugees across Sussex. Our services have been developed by listening & responding to the needs of local young refugees. As well as GSC, we also offer a Learning Space, 1:1 support, a women's group and a Young Leaders' Group. We also actively campaign for the rights & protection of refugees. Read more here:

<https://www.hummingbirdproject.org.uk/>

Volunteer Key Responsibilities

- To participate in GSC alongside young people, connecting and engaging them with friendliness and openness. (This might include playing games, chatting and sharing food together).
- To contribute to a warm, welcoming, relaxed and safe atmosphere for all.
- To support the session set up and close down.
- To offer support with simple practical tasks during the session that help the group run smoothly- eg- setting up for mealtimes.
- To be consistently youth centred- prioritising young peoples ability to choose and take ownership. (Sometimes this might mean volunteers *stepping back and helping less*, making space for young people who want to lead on the practical tasks.)
- To participate in a multidisciplinary team with a reflective practice, joining weekly post GSC debriefs.

Who are we looking for?

All sorts of people can become GSC Volunteers. You don't need to have specific formal qualifications, most of all we are looking for people who can connect to young people and enjoy spending time with them.

We are looking for people who are...

- Aged 23 and above.
- Able to connect with young people with warmth and ease, forming positive relationships.
- Willing to participate fully in GSC sessions including games & activities.
- Good communicators who feel confident interacting with a range of english language abilities.
- FUN! With a good sense of humour.
- Dedicated, reliable and trustworthy - able to turn up every week, or let us know in advance if you can't make it.
- Able to maintain appropriate boundaries.
- Open to learning & developing as part of the role
- Experienced in working with vulnerability and/or with an awareness of trauma (Desirable- not essential)

We are striving to develop a team more representative of the young people we serve, this means we particularly welcome applications from people with lived experiences of racism, migration, displacement or being a refugee.

You don't have to be... highly qualified, a native english speaker, a youth worker, a specialist in migration or international development or a counsellor. We're looking for warm, friendly people who are happy to lend a hand!

An important note: Global Social Club is open to all, with some of the young people attending coming from a refugee or migrant background. Many have experienced trauma in their lives. Our practices at GSC are sensitive to the experiences young people may have had and if you join the team you will be trained in these. Our space is focussed on meeting in the present, giving young people a chance not to be defined by labels or previous experiences.

We are committed to creating a safe environment for young people to thrive in. For these reasons GSC **is not** a space where we ask lots of personal questions about peoples stories or pasts. Volunteering with us **is not** an opportunity to hear refugee stories first hand or to conduct research. Our sessions are focussed on connecting as humans in the here and now, sharing positive experiences together.

What can you expect from us?

- A DBS Check
- Thorough training & induction appropriate to the role (including Safeguarding)
- A clear Volunteer Agreement that outlines what you can expect from us and what we expect from you
- An opportunity to play a valued part of a friendly & dynamic team, working together in a youth centred way
- Support from GSC Lead & other GSC staff on duty
- Regular Supervision with GSC Lead (This will be held within your stated hours wherever possible)
- An opportunity to learn, within a supportive & reflective team, with an openness to questions
- Reimbursement of reasonable volunteer expenses
- The opportunity to regularly connect and share experiences with amazing young people in a joyful and positive environment

How to Apply

Please complete our online form [here](#) (You can find a downloadable copy of this form on our website) This form involves a statement of interest and a CV. There is the option to complete your statement of interest as a 2 minute video if preferred.

All applicants will need to provide 2 references and if successful, be willing to undergo an Enhanced DBS Disclosure (as the post for which you are applying involves working with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults)

If you have any questions about the role, how to apply or require any additional support, please contact joe@hummingbirdproject.org.uk

Key Dates

Deadline	Wednesday 24th November, 10am.
Interviews	Wednesday 1st December
Roles begin	Dec/Jan: (Once DBS checks received & training completed)