



Playing Together Group

Support. Empower. Inspire.

Purpose of the role:

To support families with children aged 0–5 by helping to deliver welcoming, inclusive, and engaging play sessions within Family Hubs across Telford & Wrekin. Focusing on encouraging positive interaction through play, supporting early child development, and creating a safe, supportive space where families can connect, learn, and build confidence together.

What is a Playing Together Group?

Playing Together sessions offer a safe, friendly space where children can explore, play and grow. With a wide range of toys, creative crafts and engaging activities, little ones can develop their skills while having fun. It's also a great opportunity for parents and carers to connect and build friendships.

Volunteer Responsibilities:

- Support and facilitate play sessions for children aged 0–5 and their parents/carers.
- Encourage active participation in play and learning activities that support early development.
- Welcome families warmly and help build positive, trusting relationships with parents/carers and children.
- Provide gentle guidance and reassurance to parents/carers on engaging with their children through play.
- Help set up and tidy the venue before and after sessions, ensuring the environment is safe, clean, and inviting.
- Promote inclusive, respectful, and positive interactions among all families attending the group.
- Observe children during sessions and share any concerns about development or wellbeing with appropriate staff, following safeguarding procedures.

Time Commitment:

Commitment of 2 hours per week based around session times and volunteer availability.

Playing Together Groups run on:

Mondays – 9.30am-11am at Damson Family Hub, Donnington

Tuesdays – 10am-11.30am at Neighbourhood Centre, Hollinswood

Tuesdays – 1pm-2.30pm at Silver Birch Family Hub, Sutton Hill

Fridays – 1pm-2.30pm at Park Lane Centre, Woodside

Location:

Community-based Family Hub venues across Telford & Wrekin (as above).

Does this role require a DBS?

Yes – Enhanced DBS required.

Skills Required:

- A caring, friendly, and enthusiastic approach.
 - Enjoyment of working with young children and families.
 - Good communication and listening skills.
 - Creativity, patience, and sensitivity.
 - Ability to follow guidance and safeguarding procedures.
 - Willingness to travel to the agreed venues.
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Benefits:

- For some, volunteering offers the chance to give something back or make a difference to the people around them, for others it provides an opportunity to develop new skills or build on existing experience and knowledge. Regardless of the motivation, what unites them all is that it gives them a purpose and it is rewarding.
- Make a meaningful difference to children and families in your community.
- Gain valuable experience working with early years and family support services.

- Develop confidence, communication, and teamwork skills.
 - Enhance your CV and explore pathways into childcare, education, or family support roles.
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Supervision:

You will receive ongoing support via regular catchups and supervisions with the Volunteer Coordinator.

Training:

All volunteers receive safeguarding and role-specific training. Additional shadowing and ongoing development opportunities are provided.

Contact:

For more information or to apply, contact:
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