



Playmaker Volunteer Role Description

Role Title	: Playmaker
Department	: Radio Lollipop
Location	: RVI
Time Commitment	: 1730 - 1930, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
Reports to	: Radio Lollipop Volunteer Coordinator and Team Leader

Purpose of the Role:

The primary responsibility of a Radio Lollipop Playmaker Volunteer is to provide care, comfort, play and entertainment for sick children in hospital to a consistently high standard for a minimum of two hours per week.

*'Volunteers providing care, comfort, play and entertainment for sick **children in hospitals**'*

Description of main requirements of the role:

- Report to the studio 15 minutes before schedule start.
- Prepare the trolleys for the session to take into account the chosen theme, ensuring all toys and crafts have been cleaned and are ready for use.
- Visits to the wards should be made in groups of a minimum of 2 volunteers, and enquire at the nurse's station on each ward to see who is available to play.
- Play with the children, either in their room or in a group at the designated play area, ensuring the health & safety of all during the session.
- After the session, return to studio, decontaminate all games and crafts used, return to correct cupboards, document wards visited and return keys to reception.
- Volunteers must be over the age of 18 and able to commit to a minimum of 1 year service to Radio Lollipop.

Details of any specific skills/attributes required by volunteer:

- Enthusiastic, positive and outgoing personality.
- Interest in playing with children, including participating directly in the related arts and crafts, games and activities.
- Ability to encourage children to participate in the Radio Lollipop program.



- Dependable, responsible and detail oriented.
- Must be able to work as a member of a program team.

What can the volunteer gain from the placement?

- Being a Radio Lollipop volunteer is incredibly rewarding with the same service being provided by volunteers to children across the UK, USA, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.
- Opportunities to develop managerial skills through leading teams or taking a management position.
- Gain and enhance interpersonal skills and friendships amongst your selected team and all volunteers at Radio Lollipop Newcastle.
- References (upon completion of 6 month probation).

VALUES & AIMS

Radio Lollipop believes that:

- Above all else we should provide care, comfort, play and entertainment to a consistently high standard.
- We should be accessible, available and adaptable to meet the needs of sick children and their families in hospital and elsewhere.
- Active Volunteers supported by professional staff are our greatest asset.
- All our people should be trained.
- We must uphold the highest standards of ethics and integrity.
- We should work as part of the care team supporting the sick child.
- We should be fun for all involved.

Radio Lollipop aims:

- To develop Lollipop services for sick children
- To achieve the highest quality of service delivery through appropriately trained and supported Volunteers.
- To develop our play and entertainment services for sick children in hospital and elsewhere.
- To promote the awareness of the importance of play for children in hospital.
- To develop co-operative partnerships with hospitals and other organisations with whom we work.
- To create the financial resources to achieve these aims.



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