



Mentor
Friendship Works
London
Sessional – Up To 15 Hours
£17.50 per hour

An introduction to the service/project

'On Track ' is a brand new programme that will provide quality one-to-one mentoring for children and young people age 10-18 in Camden and Islington who have special educational needs (SEN) and are at risk of school and/or social exclusion. The project will have an additional focus on supporting transitions for young people aged 10-13 (school years 6-8). Young people will meet with their mentor 1-2 times each week over a six-month period. The project aims to increase young people's confidence and self-esteem, broaden their horizons through access to new opportunities and help them to integrate better in their community.

The project will build on Family Action's expertise of mentoring vulnerable children and young people. Our Friendship Works service has provided long-term (two-year) model of mentoring for children and young people in Camden and Islington for 40 years. Our project will pilot a new 6-month mentoring intervention targeted at young people at risk of exclusion.

We will support a range of referral partners to identify and refer young people with SEN who are at risk of school and/or social exclusion, including schools, Camden and Islington Councils, Camden School Inclusion Team, Camden SENDIASS, Islington SEND Community Support Service, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and other voluntary and community organisations, as well as self-referrals from young people and families.

An introduction to the role and key responsibilities

The successful applicant will have extensive recent experience of working with children, young people and families in a school or social care setting. The applicant will have experience in working with child focused models of practice with an empathise on supporting SEN children through periods of change and transition.

Mentors will meet young people 1-2 times per week over a 6-month period. They will take their mentee out for 1-2 hours into their local community. Outings will typically involve fun, inexpensive activities that enable young people to spend quality time with their mentor such as visiting a park, eating in a café, or supporting young people to engage in sport and leisure activities. The mentoring relationship will be led by young people's needs and views. Young people will plan their next outing with support from their mentor, helping to build their confidence and skills. Young people may feel

more comfortable to start with outings close to their home in a familiar area initially, and venture further afield with their mentor as time passes and their confidence grows.

The project aims to increase young people's confidence and self-esteem, broaden their horizons through access to new opportunities and help them to integrate better in their community. Our mentors will provide stable and reliable support for young people, giving them a trusted adult who will listen to them and who they can turn to for advice, guidance and support. Having a consistent relationship is particularly important for young people with SEN who often find change difficult.

Our Values:

People focus, Mutual Respect, Excellence-in-all-we do and a Can-Do attitude.

If you can relate to these and have the necessary skills and attitude we can offer you:

- A competitive salary, leave entitlement and pension scheme
- Career development opportunities
- A full induction and ongoing quality training
- The opportunity to become part of Family Action initiatives
- Flexible working hours
- Managed workloads with regular supportive and reflective supervision

For an application pack and further information, including the benefits we offer, please visit www.family-action.org.uk/workingwithus.

Please email completed applications to: completed.application22@family-action.org.uk

Closing date: Friday 30 October 2020, 09:00

Interview date: TBC

Family Action offers good working conditions, a comprehensive training programme and final salary pension scheme. We welcome applications from all sections of the community.