

Volunteer Role Description: Teas & Toddles Volunteer



Middleport Matters Community Trust is a local organisation supporting residents and businesses in the area of Middleport, Longport and Dalehall (Stoke on Trent). We are a not-for-profit organisation aiming to improve, wellbeing, social cohesion, reduce isolation and support positive changes in the local area.

Middleport Matters offers an outdoor based toddler group for children aged 0-5yrs to explore and learn in an outdoor natural setting. The group is based at our community allotment Root 'n' Fruit . These sessions are aimed at under 5's and their parent/carer/guardians, to encourage interaction, socialisation, nature play and healthy eating. Activities can include but are not limited to messy play, nature craft, imaginative play, taste testing, bug/scavenger hunts and general gardening. Teas & Toddles runs every Wednesday between March and October 9.30am – 11.30am

What's in it for you?

- Becoming part of a friendly and dedicated team
- Meeting people from all walks of life and making new friends
- Improving your confidence and employment skills
- Developing your experience and enhancing your CV, including training opportunities relevant to the role
- Making a difference in the local area and for local people
- Gain experience working with children & families

What's involved in the role?

- Maintaining a safe and supportive environment at sessions
- Assisting Middleport Matters team colleagues with setting up and packing away resources
- Supporting the team with delivery of led activities such as craft and gardening
- Making & serving refreshments e.g. preparing hot & cold drinks, cutting up fruit, handing out biscuits
- Positive socialising and engaging with attendees: children and adults
- Safeguarding attendees and reporting concerns internally, so that Middleport Matters can offer support, signpost where necessary, or refer to other services.

What skills and experience do you need to demonstrate?

- Friendly and enthusiastic manner
- Reliability and positive presentation
- Effective and adaptable communication skills
- Patience and understanding towards others, including young children

Other Info:

- For this role, you need to be at least **18 years** of age and this role will require a **DBS certificate** (this will be requested through Middleport Matters at no cost to you).
- Any potential candidates for this role should be available from 9am – 12pm on Wednesdays. Attendance every week is not necessary, however we would appreciate knowing in advance of any sessions you are not available to volunteer at, so we can ensure appropriate supervision.
- We would still encourage you to apply if you can only volunteer during a specific period e.g. term time/school holidays
- For safety reasons, volunteers are unable to bring children with them to the sessions whilst volunteering.