

# The Matthew Hackney Foundation

Our vision is to help children and young people with their mental well-being and resilience, so they have the best possible chances to be the strong, resilient, independent and thriving adults that they and our society deserves. We provide counselling support, for all children and young people who would not normally have access to the help they need. We currently work within Surrey.

We are a very small charity who are looking to grow our current service offering and are looking for volunteers to help with our plan to grow and extend our funded counselling service to children and young people in Surrey.

**The role is subject to receiving satisfactory references and may require a DBS check.**

You will need to be committed to our mission, aims and values and show an understanding of and commitment to The Matthew Hackney Foundation's equal opportunities policy, safeguarding policy and confidentiality policy, and to equality of opportunity and anti – discriminatory practice.

We would also like a variety of volunteers on ad-hoc basis' such as what is listed below, as well as Trustee's who may specialise in any of these:

- **Help with Legal documents, proof reading and making and necessary suggested edits**
- **Help with business and strategic planning, proof reading and making necessary suggested edits**
- **Researcher; carrying out up to date research around best ways to support children's health & wellbeing**
- **Advocate/ambassador ; representing us in the local area**
- **Any of the below projects;**
- **Copywriting:** Planning and writing a blog each month for the Matthew Hackney Foundation website. This could be based on our activities, a profile of a member of staff or a volunteer, or around relevant research around supporting children's mental health

- **Leaflet and poster distribution:** Monitoring, coordinating and helping with the distribution of our promotional leaflets and posters by our staff, members and supporters and identifying new opportunities for leaflet distribution.
- **PR:** Writing a press release every two months (three in total) with a view to obtaining media coverage; responding to any resulting media interest, and working with trustees/volunteers/counsellors to obtain the necessary information, photographs and interviews if required.
- **Search Engine Optimisation:** Updating our website content to make it more easily found by relevant internet users. Increasing inbound links to our website: Researching and updating online listings and negotiating reciprocal links with likeminded websites such as those relating mental health awareness, children and young people's mental health, children's activities and schools.
- **Another project:** If you have a particular area of knowledge or an interest area you would like to pursue, you are welcome to propose a project for you to undertake.

Please apply by telling us why you would like to volunteer for us and how you can help, with your current CV to

[info@thematthewhackneyfoundation.co.uk](mailto:info@thematthewhackneyfoundation.co.uk)

All personal information will only be kept for those who are invited for interview, all information stored meets GDPR regulations.

## Why Work with us?

We are a friendly bunch and run on a volunteer basis currently. We are a small charity and are passionate about people. You will help us at the very beginning of what we believe to be a growing service. You will help us plan, develop and continue to excel at what we do. You will help to make a difference to the lives of children and young people locally.

Please get in touch for an informal chat or if you would like to know more.

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