

## **VTALENT YEAR**

### **'vtalent year Recruitment Day 2010**

Thursday 18 February  
12 noon until 3pm  
Ealing Connexions One Stop Shop  
Saunders House, 52/53 The Mall, Ealing, London W5 3TA

With a follow-up opportunity on  
Friday 19 February  
12 noon until 2pm  
Northolt Library, Church Road, Northolt UB5 5AS

Ealing Council is looking for 15 enthusiastic and highly motivated young people to volunteer for the vtalent year.

v is an independent charity championing youth volunteering in England. So far they have commissioned volunteering opportunities with the voluntary and community sector, but now they are delivering opportunities within local councils. Ealing Council is one of 34 local authorities to be awarded a grant to deliver the v youth volunteering programme.

Each volunteer will be placed within Ealing Council's Children and Families Services and will have the opportunity to work directly with children and young people. Volunteers will also work towards a recognised qualification in a skills area relevant to their work. Volunteers will be paid a weekly subsistence to support them, and will be supported by a mentor for the duration of the placement. Additionally, all volunteers will be supported to move into further education or employment and will be able to access a grant for this purpose.

#### **Some of the Volunteer placements available include:-**

- Forward Steps
- Schools Health Project
- Connexions
- Project work such as the Duke of Edinburgh award or Youth Participation
- Looked After Children
- Play work and many more

#### **What's in it for you?**

- Experience of working with young people in a setting you are interested in
- New skills and qualifications (including a level 2 qualification)
- The opportunity to make a difference as part of a volunteer team
- One week residential
- A mentor to support you through the programme
- Up to £100 per week volunteering allowance
- Support to help you decide what to do next
- £1500 personal development grant on successful completion

## Who can apply?

Eligibility criteria: you must be:

- aged between 16 and 24\* years (\*you cannot apply if you are aged 25 on or after 1 April 2010)
- living in the borough of Ealing
- able to commit to 30 hours per week to volunteer over a period of one year
- able to attend a one week residential in late March 2010
- able to attend an interview that will take place in the week commencing 1 March 2010
- Please note that you don't need to have any qualifications to join the programme, equally, you can already have qualifications and still become a volunteer

## Important dates:

**Recruitment Day:** Thursday 18 February from 12pm –3pm at Ealing One Stop Shop with a follow-up opportunity on Friday 19 February from 12pm – 2pm at Northolt Library

**Interviews:** Week commencing 1 March 2010

**Residential Week** in March 2010

**Start of Volunteer Placement** – April 2010

If you are interested in applying for this opportunity please contact Sukh by 17 February 2010

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