



About Shine21

Shine21 is a registered charity based in North Yorkshire. We support families with a child aged 0-9 who has a diagnosis of Down Syndrome. Our ethos is to empower parents and enrich the lives of children with Down Syndrome across North Yorkshire. We do this through providing tailored intervention in areas such as speech, language and communication, early reading skills and physiotherapy.

Purpose

We are looking for volunteers to help with the smooth running of our intervention communication and physiotherapy groups. This may include setting up the room ensuring the relevant resources are ready, supporting the children during the session and/or welcoming the parents and assist them whilst their children are in a session. The position will require you to interact closely with young people with Down's syndrome, intervention delivery staff and therapists. This is an unpaid position, undertaken on a voluntary basis.

Duties include the following;

- Support with the setting up of the intervention room ensuring the required resources and equipment is ready for the session.
- Support in the production of resources such as sight word matching boards and flash cards.
- Welcome families to the sessions and making parents a drink as necessary.
- Support the children to remain engaged and provide encouragement and support as needed during the intervention sessions.

Person specification

- Passionate about supporting children with Down Syndrome to advance their development and reach their full potential.
- An interest in the unique learning profile of children with Down Syndrome and how intervention is essential.
- Effective communication skills.
- Personal and friendly manner.
- Honest and trustworthy
- Proactive working with the ability to use own initiative
- Effective organisation skills
- All Shine21 roles are subject to a satisfactory enhanced DBS disclosure.
- Ability to work in accordance with Shine21 policy documents in particular safeguarding.
- Passionate about promoting positive awareness regarding Down Syndrome and the Shine21's mission and objectives.

Time commitment:

- Shine21 intervention sessions take place Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays. The role is flexible, with a minimum suggested commitment of a morning a week.

Remuneration

- The role of a volunteer is a voluntary position and is therefore not remunerated.
- Location: Sutton on the Forst, York. Please note our premises is not on a bus route.

Please email a letter of interest and CV to contact@shine21.org