

# Volunteering opportunity with Camden Youth Justice Service



**Have an interest in your local community and youth crime rates?**

**Want to help children make positive changes in their lives?**

**Help victims towards closure?**

**Enhance your own skill set and work experience?**

**Consider volunteering with us!**

Camden Youth Justice Service recruit volunteers as Referral Order Panel Members. You will work with children between the ages of 10-17 who have attended Court for the first time and plead guilty to an offence and have been sentenced to a Referral Order. The Panels are **restorative** so you will talk about the issues faced by the child and the experiences of the victim before co-producing a Referral Order agreement with them and their parents/guardian. This will support them in making amends for the harm caused, help them desist from any further offending, and to move forward positively. This is a rewarding opportunity if you are interested in learning more about why children offend, want to help improve their lives and be creative about what can be put in place to help them not re-offend in the future.

## Requirements

You must be over 18 to be a volunteer Panel Member, have personal or professional transferable skills to work with children and families (some who present with vulnerable and complex issues), and be reliable in attending panels on planned dates and times (Monday to Friday) in the borough of Camden.

## Training

There is full mandatory training to become a volunteer Panel Member, which will take place in the evenings. There is also ongoing training, support and supervision, plus observation and shadowing before becoming a qualified Panel Member.

For more information or to request an application form please contact [Jaynita.haria@camden.gov.uk](mailto:Jaynita.haria@camden.gov.uk) or contact Jaynita on 020 7974 6582. Closing date for applications is **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September.**