



Cookery Volunteer

Purpose of the Role:

To lead engaging cookery sessions as part of the Baytree Centre's GEMS programme for girls aged 5–18. By creating a safe, welcoming, and inspiring environment, you will help participants learn new cooking skills, explore different recipes, and build confidence in the kitchen. You will assist with facilitating and supporting cookery lessons that encourage creativity, teamwork, and healthy living.

Main Responsibilities:

- Assist in preparing and facilitating cookery-focused after-school sessions, providing guidance and encouragement to participants.
- Support the delivery of age-appropriate cooking activities that promote learning, creativity, and personal development.
- Foster a supportive and inclusive environment where girls feel confident trying new recipes, expressing themselves, and working as part of a team.
- Assist with administrative tasks such as attendance tracking and organising resources to ensure smooth running of sessions.
- Adhere to Baytree Centre policies and safeguarding procedures.

Skills and Qualities Required:

- Empathy and patience to work effectively with girls of varying ages, backgrounds, and abilities.
- Strong communication skills to engage positively with participants, other volunteers, and staff.
- Creativity and enthusiasm for developing and delivering engaging cooking activities.
- Reliability and commitment to attend scheduled sessions consistently.
- Ability to work collaboratively as part of a team.

Commitment:

- One session of about an hour and a half each week, with a commitment of at least two terms.
- Exact timings will follow the GEMS programme timetable. Sessions usually take place Monday to Thursday between 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

Benefits:

- Gain experience supporting cookery and life-skills-based youth activities.
- Develop skills in youth engagement, activity facilitation, and creative teaching.
- Contribute to the confidence, independence, and wellbeing of participants.
- Be part of a supportive and welcoming volunteer community.

This role is open to female applicants only (Equality Act 2010: Schedule 9: Occupational Requirements). Applicants must be 18 years or older.