

Young Volunteer

If you have been supported by Nelson's Journey, we ask that you wait until support from Nelson's Journey has been completed before making an application to become a Young Volunteer.

Purpose of Role: We need our Young Volunteers to help keep the charity young person focussed. To support Nelson's Journey at fundraising events and positive family activities. Finally, to help with the development of resources and fundraising ideas for Nelson's Journey.

Reporting to: Youth Panel & Young Volunteer Co-Ordinator

Location: Nelson's Journey, Smiles House, Octagon Business Park, Hospital Road, Little Plumstead. NR13 5FH and at venues across Norfolk supporting Nelson's Journey to deliver fundraising events and positive family activities.

Hours: Our Young Volunteers meet in person at Smiles House approximately 4 times a year for a day during a school holiday (usually between 10am & 3pm). There are additional opportunities to get involved at events or positive activities, which are arranged as required.

Duties and responsibilities

- To advise on services currently offered by Nelson's Journey for the support of bereaved children and young people across Norfolk.
- To provide a voice for bereaved children and young people in Norfolk and support awareness raising initiatives to promote Nelson's Journey.
- To work collaboratively in a team and provide Nelson's Journey with ideas for the development of new bereavement resources and fundraising initiatives.
- To support Nelson's Journey with the delivery of fundraising activities and events organised by the charity such as our Walk of Smiles, Christmas Quiz, and at other events run in partnership with community groups and fundraisers.

Training

- All our young volunteers are fully supported by a group of dedicated adult volunteers & Nelson's Journey Staff, who are all fully DBS checked, at all meetings and any event they attend.
- Nelson's Journey will provide media and talk training as needed.
- Nelson's Journey offer all our young volunteers the opportunity to achieve the 'Norfolk Youth Award' to accredit their volunteering role. We also have our own volunteer award scheme to say thank you for all your time and effort.

Person Specification

- An interest in the work of Nelson’s Journey
- Enjoy working as part of a team.
- A flexible approach and happy to take on a variety of tasks.
- A sense of humour.
- Reliability and trustworthiness.

Expenses

Travel expenses will be paid on a mileage basis at the current Government rate for all authorised journeys undertaken.

Nelson’s Journey also provide food for our young volunteers at meetings.

Additional Information

We DO NOT require you to have had previous bereavement experience or to have been supported by Nelson’s Journey in the past to volunteer for our organisation. Compassion for other bereaved children and young people and a willingness to support the charity is all that we ask. However, if you have been supported by Nelson’s Journey we ask that you wait until support from Nelson’s Journey has been completed before making an application to become a Young Volunteer.

Additional support from our staff team is available to our young volunteers should circumstances change in the future or they find themselves struggling in their role as a young volunteer.