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| **BuddyUP Volunteer Role Description** |
| Please **email applications to** info@richmondaid.org.uk **or post to** Disability Action and Advice Centre, 4 Waldegrave Road, Teddington, TW11 8HT marking it **Volunteer Application**. BuddyUP is run by Jamie Cutler (Richmond) and Junaina Pirbhai (Kingston): Jamie - 020 8831 6072 / j.cutler@richmondaid.org.ukJunaina – 020 8831 6079 / j.pirbhai@richmondaid.org.uk  |
| **Role** | Buddy – Richmond & Kingston Borough |
| **Role description**  | Become a buddy to a young person with a disability in the Richmond or Kingston Borough. Help them to find independence on public transport and in the community by travelling with them to activities in the local area. This scheme is funded by aiming high, short breaks and aims to give respite to young people and parents/carers.  |
| **Benefits for the volunteer**  | In return we will cover all expenses on meetings (including DBS (CRB) cost). This scheme provides work experience and references. You will also be invited to our Buddy Social Days which have previously been at Chessington World of Adventures and adventure golf! |
| **Time commitment**  | A minimum of 2-3 hours a fortnight with your buddy. This can be at times that work for you. Very flexible. |
| **Skills & experience needed**  | Volunteers must be aged 16+, willing to have a DBS check.Volunteers should also display the following characteristics: reliable, fun, caring, safety conscious, responsible and enthusiastic!Experience with young people is great but not essential. |
| **Other requirements**  | Richmond AID will require a DBS (CRB) check for this role – Richmond AID will provide this. Volunteers are requested to provide 1 referee. Volunteers will be required to remain with us for a minimum period of 6 months.  |
| **Other information**  | * Richmond AID will pay all or part of your expenses for meals and travel.
* We have a fully accessible office, including disabled parking and accessible facilities.
* Induction, training and support and supervision will be provided.
* Volunteers are covered by insurance.
* Richmond AID has a Volunteering Policy and a Volunteer Handbook.
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