
Volunteer Profile

Boomerang Bag Group Lead

Boomerang bag groups bring people together to sew reusable fabric bags. These are provided to local charities and businesses to help cut down on the use of single use plastics.

A successful boomerang bag project runs at our Thames Ditton Centre and we would like to start one in our Cobham Centre for the Community.

What does this role involve?

- liaising with the centre manager regarding any requirements to run the sessions e.g. new material, equipment
- setting up the area for the start of the activity and packing away at the end of the session
- welcoming the boomerang bag activity participants at the start of each session
- ensuring all participants are guided and supported to ensure any risks/injuries are reduced

Where is the role based and when will I be needed?

This role will be based at Cobham Centre for the Community.

Our centres are open on weekdays and activities usually take place between 10am – 3pm. Boomerang bag sessions generally last around 3 hours, from setting up to packing away at the end. There is some flexibility around scheduling so the Cobham Centre Manager will discuss with you when and how often the sessions run when you start your role.

Who will I report to?

The Centre Manager will be on hand to help with any queries or issues you have whilst running the group, including procurement of new materials and equipment when necessary.

Who would this role be suitable for?

This role would be ideal for someone who:

- enjoys sewing and needlework and wants to share their passion with others
- is organised and is happy leading others in an activity
- wants to meet new people and help benefit the environment and the local community

Are there any requirements for this role?

No formal training is required for this role, but volunteers will need a good knowledge of sewing techniques, including use of a sewing machine.

Will I have to do any training?

Health and safety training will be provided when starting this role, and the Centre Manager will introduce you to the centre and where to find all the equipment necessary to run the group.

Will I need a DBS check?

A Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check is not required for this role.

This sounds like the role for me! How do I apply?

If you've decided on a role that's right for you, you can contact our Volunteer Coordinator on 01372 474 552 or email commservices@elmsbridge.gov.uk.

They will then arrange a meeting with you to discuss what you would like to get out of the role, and take you through the application and DBS process.

Please note that for all our volunteers we require two references, either from an employer or a character reference from someone who knows you.