

VOLUNTEER ROLE PROFILE

ROLE TITLE **Riding – Leader, Side Walker, Runner**

ORGANISATION DESCRIPTION

Chailey Heritage Foundation is a pioneering charity providing education, care and transition services for young people with complex physical disabilities and health needs, which includes:

- ◆ An 'outstanding' special school
- ◆ 'Home from home' residential care for both children and young adults
- ◆ A Life Skills Centre and Hub for adults with disabilities
- ◆ Support at home and in the community

WHAT YOU WILL GAIN BY VOLUNTEERING

- ◆ A sense of satisfaction in knowing you are helping others and making a difference
- ◆ Enjoyment of meeting a variety of new people
- ◆ Working as part of a team
- ◆ New skills and experiences
- ◆ Opportunity for others to learn and benefit from your skills and experiences

WHAT WE WOULD LIKE FROM YOU

This role would suit an enthusiastic and motivated person who has an interest in assisting YP with disabilities, horses and likes being outdoors.

Volunteers will assist staff undertaking various tasks, including:

- ◆ Preparing the horses for each session; grooming, tacking up and warming up if required
- ◆ Preparing the outdoor ride area
- ◆ Fetching riders from the classroom
- ◆ Assisting the Physio/TA with the YP's sling and hoisting
- ◆ Supporting the YP on the horse from the side at ground level
- ◆ Engaging the YP in games/activities on the horse
- ◆ Lead the horse during sessions, inc, controlling the horse during mount and dismount
- ◆ Focus on the goals of the riding session as explained by the Physiotherapist

This list is not exhaustive but gives an idea as to what the role might include.

We also expect volunteers to show awareness and to comply with all aspects of health and safety in relation to your working environment.

The dress code for this role would be: outdoor clothing appropriate for the weather with safety footwear

TIME COMMITMENT

We are currently looking for a volunteer to cover the following session(s):
Monday's, 3.30-5.30pm, weekly, term time only

TRAINING AND SUPPORT

We do also ask that volunteers can be flexible to assist if/when possible to cover the absences of fellow volunteers.

Volunteers will be given an induction and are required to attend an initial mandatory training session that includes Safeguarding, Fire Safety, Manual Handling, Attendant Controlled Power Chair and Riding Training; and any other occasional training/information sessions deemed necessary.

Volunteers must also be prepared to undertake regular updating of mandatory training as and when required.

You will find all our staff and volunteers very friendly and approachable, and grateful for any assistance you can give.

RECRUITMENT PROCESS

To apply for this volunteering role, please click on the "apply now" button on the webpage to complete an application form via our website.

On receipt of a completed application form, your application will be reviewed by the recruiting manager. After which applicants may be invited in for an informal interview and if successful will be invited to join our team, following completion of two satisfactory references and an enhanced DBS (Disclosure & Barring Service) check.

OTHER INFORMATION

All volunteering opportunities at Chailey Heritage Foundation will require an enhanced disclosure check by the DBS – this does not mean that you cannot volunteer for us if you have a previous conviction. Chailey Heritage Foundation conforms to all aspects of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

Volunteers are required to abide by all policies and procedures within Chailey Heritage Foundation at all times.

Chailey Heritage Foundation operates a non-smoking policy throughout all its buildings and site, but does provide a designated smoking area.

CONTACT US

For an informal discussion please call HR, on **01825 724444 ext 709**.

Thank you for choosing to give your valuable time to Chailey Heritage Foundation