

## **Children's Tour Guide:**

The role of a volunteer Children's Tour Guide involves escorting small groups of children around our 'indoor village' and helping them learn how to avoid everyday hazards, to keep themselves and others safe. This fun, rewarding, term-time role comes with flexible hours, full training, plus we'll cover any out-of-pocket expenses.

## **Place of volunteering:**

[Lifeskills, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, The CREATE Centre, Smeaton Road, Bristol. BS1 6XN](#)

## **About Lifeskills:**

Since January 2000, Lifeskills has provided safety education through a range of different programmes, including our Year 6 Children's Programme.

Each year, schools are invited to bring their Year 6 pupils (age 10/11) for a guided tour around the safety centre, which is modelled as a realistic village. During the tour, children are presented with hazardous scenarios in a range of different settings, including a road, beach, dark alleyway, shop, homes, and a railway platform.

Supported by the Programme Co-ordinator, each session is covered by a volunteer Host and up to 15 volunteer Child Safety Tour Guides.

A highlight in the school calendar, Lifeskills provides an exciting, interactive, and memorable experience. We provide a safe environment, in which children learn about life's common dangers, and the education we provide supports the 'Keeping Safe' elements of the Personal, Health, Social, Economic curriculum (PHSE).

## **About the role:**

As a Guide, you'll lead a group of 3-4 children on a tour of 18 'safety themed' scenarios. With the aid of a script (as well as using props, lighting, and sound effects), you'll encourage the children to get involved in spotting lots of hazards, in a variety of day-to-day situations.

You'll deliver important safety messages and help them make (practise) emergency 999 phone calls, so that they leave Lifeskills knowing how to live much safer, healthier, more independent lives.

We provide full training, at your own pace. Each volunteering session lasts 2 1/2 hours and you're free to volunteer as often as you wish (Monday – Friday during term time). This is a unique and hugely rewarding role working for a friendly, welcoming charity. You'll meet lots of lovely people and receive plenty of support. You'll gain a great deal of satisfaction helping children learn how to be safe and feel proud to have played a part in providing such a fond, memorable experience.

**We provide:**

- a choice of volunteering sessions (mornings 9:30am – 12:00pm, afternoons 12:30pm – 3:00pm, days 9:30am – 3:00pm)
- lunch (day volunteers only)
- a personalised training programme
- travel expenses
- Lifeskills uniform upon qualifying
- volunteer parties
- length of service awards
- development opportunities

**Application process:**

These are the steps to becoming a qualified Child Safety Tour Guide. You're under no obligation to move on to the next step and can withdraw at any time:

**Step 1:** Complete an hour-long taster session

**Step 2:** Experience the Lifeskills tour with a group (as an observer)

**Step 3:** Commence training and submit a volunteer application (including a DBS check)

**Step 4:** Once training is complete, and subject to a clear DBS check, you'll be signed off as a qualified Child Safety Tour Guide and are ready to lead groups independently

**Reporting to:**

The Programme Co-ordinator

**To book your taster session please contact:**

**tel: 0117 922 4511 or email: [volunteer@lifeskills-bristol.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@lifeskills-bristol.org.uk)**