**Football Volunteer – Redhill | Role Description**

ABOUT US

Big Leaf Foundation is a small charity working with displaced young people in Surrey. Our aim is to provide a nurturing programme of activities, projects and events that focus on combating social isolation and improving wellbeing for the young people we support.

The experience of arriving in a new country is, for many young people, overwhelming and incredibly difficult. They are often cut off from everything that is familiar to them, leaving them vulnerable to loneliness, isolation, anxiety and boredom. Our founders saw an opportunity to change their situation and help them feel a sense of inclusion within a network of their peers and the wider community.

We want to engage the young people we work with to be excited about the opportunities available to them, and to value their unique talents and abilities so that they can rediscover their potential and move forward with renewed optimism. We want to support and empower these young people to know that they are more than the status they have been given and help them find their place within their local community.

OUR VALUES

**Trust & Transparency |** Nothing is more important than trust, because so many of our young people have experienced a world in which they can trust nobody. It's essential that we build a relationship based on trust with our young people, and that they have confidence we will always act in their best interests. We achieve this by maintaining high standards of honesty and transparency at all times.

**Equality |** We approach everything we do with a deep sense of empathy and compassion. We strive to create a sense of community to which we all belong, on equal footing and to create a safe, secure and non-judgemental space for young people to engage and build new friendships, explore new activities, and uncover their talents and passions.

**Growth |** Everything we do is focused on promoting the personal growth of our young people – growth that allows them to know they are more than the status they have been given and that each one of them is unique and valued.

ABOUT OUR SPORTS PROGRAMME

Big Leaf Foundation provides support to displaced young people through regular projects and activities that focus on combating social isolation, building a safe and welcoming community, improving health and wellbeing and providing opportunities to learn and develop new skills. These activities include weekly football sessions in Guildford and Redhill.

ABOUT THE ROLE

* Hours: Friday, 7pm-8.30pm.
* Salary: Voluntary, travel expenses will be reimbursed
* Location: Redhill
* Reports to: Sports Programme manager

KEY TASKS

* Actively participating in sports sessions with young people and building trusted work relationships.
* Support the coaching team and Sports Programme Manager to ensure the smooth running of each activity delivered.
* Understand your responsibilities in regard to safeguarding and data protection and use this to inform your work with BLF – identifying and responding appropriately to safeguarding and protection issues arising during sports activities.
* Maintain confidentiality and clear boundaries in all aspects of the role.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

* A passion for sports and facilitating activities for young people.
* Good interpersonal, diplomacy and teamwork skills.
* Ability to use emotional support skills in a calm and responsible manner.
* Caring, supportive, helpful, with non-judgmental attitude and able to instill/maintain confidence.
* Able to work as part of a team.
* Good English skills in person, by phone, and writing are desirable.
* Good awareness of safeguarding issues.
* Enhanced DBS certification (child workforce) or willingness to undertake DBS check.

VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE

As a volunteer we acknowledge your commitment to the role by providing:

* An induction programme to ensure volunteers understand the remit of their role.
* Training and development will be offered in areas where volunteers have less experience and knowledge.
* Debriefs after events and activities.
* The opportunity to gain experience in facilitating sports-related activities, including running, football sessions.

TO APPLY
If you feel that you have the skills, experience and motivation required for this role, please [download and complete our application form](https://www.bigleaffoundation.org.uk/uploads/8/9/6/9/89698473/blf_contractor_application_form_final.docx) and return it to contact@bigleaffoundation.org.uk.