



# Volunteer at our After School's Club

## Why Volunteer?

This is your chance to be part of something bigger working towards providing equal opportunities for young people in Ireland today. For this community that looks like providing a consistent, home away from home, safe place for children to come to every day after school.

'The Club' is a place for children 5 – 8 years to grow and flourish. A place where they can discover their strengths. A place where they can dream about their future and know that they are loved.

As a volunteer, you'll be inspired in the process of getting to know each of the individual children seeing the impact that a consistent secure environment can have on their lives.

## What's involved in volunteering?

### Tasks include:

- Sitting down with children at mealtime
- Helping clear up plates and cups (packing the dishwasher)
- Supervising groups of 2-3 children for homework time, or reading with them affirming their efforts and giving them some pointers (but not all the answers)
- Gently encouraging children to get involved in the activities and providing a listening ear to those who are reluctant to participate

SUMMARY: your role is **to be there for the children**, **engage** with them, **listen** to their stories, ask them questions, **laugh** with them and try not to take anything personally remembering that they are children.

## What will I gain?

This is a perfect opportunity to gain experience for youth work, social work, teaching, psychology, community development or childcare. Many of our volunteers are studying, have flexible working hours or simply volunteer because they want to give back, and they enjoy it! It is a rewarding experience.

### We are looking for someone who...

- Enjoys interacting and playing with children.
- Is compassionate and understanding.
- Brings a sense of enthusiasm and energy.
- Is reliable, patient, resilient and adaptable.

A prior exposure to either young people or vulnerable people in a disadvantaged context is a great advantage but not a requirement for this role.

### Time Commitment:

We ask that you commit **one afternoon a week** for the minimum of 10 months (or three school terms).

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	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>2pm – 6.30pm</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓		

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### Screening details for this role:

- Application Form
- Garda Vetting
- Informal Interview
- References

If you are interested in this volunteer role, please contact [emily@solasproject.ie](mailto:emily@solasproject.ie) or download an application form at [Volunteer with Solas Project — Solas Project \(www.solasproject.ie\)](http://www.solasproject.ie) and send that to [emily@solasproject.ie](mailto:emily@solasproject.ie)