



## **IVS Volunteer Mentor**

Every year, IVS welcomes international volunteers on long-term placements (up to 12 months) with our partners in the UK. We are looking for local volunteer mentors who will provide one-to-one support to our long-term volunteers, helping them to integrate into their new life here in the UK and to settle into their project.

### **Role description**

#### **Mentor's tasks**

Welcomes the volunteer on arrival (by email/letter, then in person if required)

Meets regularly with the volunteers during their placement – at least twice, at the start and the end of their placement – time commitment depending on circumstances

Offers support and advice, e.g. on local area, social activities, future plans, and signposting if needed

Liaise with IVS for volunteer's welfare issues

Is available to be a point of contact for the volunteer in case of contention with host project or IVS

#### **Mentor's desired knowledge and skills**

Excellent communication skills

Knowledge of and an interest in IVS's mission and values

Previous experience of volunteering and living abroad

An interest in young people, looking to help them identify their strengths and qualities

Previous mentoring/befriending/counselling /employability experience and knowledge and practice of active listening skills

Knowledge of other languages/cultures, and receptive and open minded about age, and ethnicity

Knowledge of the UK charity sector and/or hosting project

Positive and optimistic outlook

Available to commit to the role for at least 1 year

**Travel expenses reimbursed for volunteer visits.**

**Appropriate police check and references required.**

### **International Voluntary Service**

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