

UFA NCS Team Assistant

Our Team Assistants support, mentor and help develop NCS participants through a programme of personal development and implementation of a community project. Working closely alongside your Team Leader you will have a unique opportunity to work with a diverse group of sixteen and seventeen year olds combining residential and non- residential experiences.

This role may be suited for individuals who are planning to progress into a career working with young people who want to gain some practical experience and further develop their skills in this area.

The NCS programme is delivered across summer. Team Assistants can choose one or more programmes to be part of. We are looking for Team Assistants who can commit to working with their team of fifteen young people, for at least one programme.

The first five days in summer will be based at a residential outdoor activity centre alongside specialist instructors and Team Leaders. The second five days the following week will be a residential based at a university where you will support the programme delivered by your Team Leader. The third five days are non-residential and will be based at a local centre. We would also like you to attend the team's Celebration event.

Some locations/areas may require Team Assistants for the social action project which will be delivered during the fourth week.

Team Assistants will be expected to attend a compulsory two day training programme that will be held on weekends in May or June for the summer programme. As well as attending 'Ready to Go' Session and on line training prior to commencement of the programme.

Responsibilities of the Team Assistant

The Team Assistant will:

- Work alongside the team leader, to support and develop your group of young people through a structured programme of activities.
- Be a positive role model at all times.
- Assist the Team Leader with the participants' pastoral care.
- Encourage and support your group of young people through any unforeseen challenges and setbacks.
- Assist the team leader to facilitate various personal development activities.
- Facilitate some ice breaker or energiser activities and assist or run evening activities on the residential.
- Work alongside the Team Leader to inspire and motivate the young people in your group encouraging their involvement and participation.
- Travel with, stay with and support your group through the residential phase of the programme.
- Ensure the participants remain safe and adhere to Health and Safety guidelines throughout the programme.
- Complete any administration duties as directed by the Team Leader.
- Support the development of participants' social action projects.

About You

Candidates must demonstrate the following skills and characteristics:

Essential

- Belief in young people and in helping them take more active roles in their communities.
- Able to build rapport and empathy with young people, aged 16 -17, from range of backgrounds.
- Experience of motivating a team.
- Good spoken and written communication skills.
- A responsible attitude.
- Be a team player and willing to participate as part of the team.
- Ability to remain calm in difficult situations and whilst tired or stressed.
- Have a sense of humour and a positive outlook.

Beneficial

- Experience of working directly with young people with disabilities and or challenging behaviours.
- Experience working directly with young people (either in voluntary or paid capacity).
- Facilitating activities with young people.
- Experience in a residential youth environment (e.g., youth camp, scout camp, boarding school etc.)
- Experience of running a community/ social action project.
- Well organised and proficient in the use of IT.
- Basic Knowledge of Safeguarding, Health and safety, Data protection.

Further details

This is an excellent opportunity be involved in an exciting programme that has tangible results and which creates memorable experiences for young people that could last a lifetime. The role is intensive but highly rewarding for the right individuals. It allows you to work closely with young people, develop your leadership skills and experience and together with providing opportunities to organise and facilitate the delivery of high quality UFA programmes.

Payment

- The payment for the summer programme ranges between £645.75 and £1,149.40 (gross based on National Minimum Wage), depending on your age (see table below). The payment will made at the end of your contract on evidence of your successful completion of the project.

Age	Team Assistants will be required for 3 or 4 weeks depending on the Area – refer to dates below. Salary for 1 week is (in addition, accommodation and food are provided for the residential weeks.):
25 and over	£287.35 per week
21 to 24	£269.50 per week
18 to 20	£215.25 per week

- Basic Rate income tax and NI will be deducted from the final amount.
- You will be paid through pay roll unless you are able to provide evidence that you are self-employed and able to make your own Tax & NI contributions.
- If you are already in a school/organisation based role and you have agreed with them that you can be seconded/released to be able to take on the role as set out above then we will pay the school directly on submission of an invoice. You will need to negotiate any honorarium or additional days' pay with your school prior to applying.

Area	Wave	Dates
Northampton*	Wave 1	Commences on 1 st July
Northampton*	Wave 2	Commences on 8 th July
Northampton*	Wave 3	Commences on 15 th July
Northampton*	Wave 4	Commences on 22 nd July
Northampton*	Wave 5	Commences on 29 th July
Northampton*	Wave 6	Commences on 5 th August
Durham*	Wave 1	Commencing on 5 th July
Durham*	Wave 2	Commencing on 9 th July
Durham*	Wave 3	Commencing on 22 nd July
Durham*	Wave 4	Commencing on 29 th July
Durham*	Wave 5	Commencing on 5 th August
Milton Keynes	Wave 1	1 st July – 19 th July
Milton Keynes	Wave 2	8 th July – 26 th July
Milton Keynes	Wave 3	15 th July – 2 nd August
Milton Keynes	Wave 4	22 nd July – 9 th August
Milton Keynes	Wave 5	29 th July – 16 th August
Milton Keynes	Wave 6	5 th August – 23 rd August
Suffolk	Wave 1	1 st July – 28 th July
Suffolk	Wave 2	8 th July – 4 th August
Suffolk	Wave 3	15 th July – 11 th August
Suffolk	Wave 4	22 nd July – 18 th August
Suffolk	Wave 5	29 th July – 25 th August
Suffolk	Wave 6	5 th August – 1 st September
Wiltshire	Wave 1	1 st July – 28 th July
Wiltshire	Wave 2	8 th July – 4 th August
Wiltshire	Wave 3	15 th July – 11 th August
Wiltshire	Wave 4	22 nd July – 18 th August
Wiltshire	Wave 5	29 th July – 25 th August
Wiltshire	Wave 6	5 th August – 1 st September

* Local area to confirm duration of the programme, either 3 or 4 weeks.

Safeguarding Statement and Requirements

UFA is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people taking part in the programme. We expect all staff to share this commitment.

As part of this commitment to provide a safe environment for our young people, we require all candidates to return a satisfactory enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) certificate. UFA will assist the application and for the processing of, a new DBS for staff members where required.

We also require two satisfactory references, including your current or last employer. Referees can be employers or anyone to whom you are known in a professional or academic context.

Criminal Record Disclosures

We recognise the contribution that former or ex-offenders can make as an employee; a person's criminal record will not in itself, debar that person from being appointed to this post. Candidates will be given an opportunity to provide us with information on their criminal record. This information will be handled sensitively. Suitable applicants will not be refused posts because of offences which are not relevant to the role and which do not make them a risk in the role for which they are applying. If you would like to speak to someone in confidence about declaring a criminal conviction or disciplinary sanction please contact mshellis@ufa.org.uk, Designated Safeguarding Officer.