**Volunteer Application Form**

**Thank you for applying to become a volunteer with Home-Start Greenwich.**

***Home-Start Greenwich Volunteers: -*** are essential to the work of Home-Start Greenwich and you can help us to make a real difference to families and their children in the local community.

***To become a volunteer,*** you will be required to attend an interview, after the selection process, you would be required to complete a preparation course which covers key elements of Home-Start Greenwich volunteering frameworks, structures, and guiding principles.

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| **Key Responsibilities to: Family Support Coordinator** |
| **Home Visiting and Community Support**   * Home Visiting families and their children at their home and supporting them to access wider community services and opportunities. * To engage families and their children under the aged of five within the context of their home via/through home visiting (once per week/ two per week depending on the needs of the parent and their children) offering befriending and practical support, guidance, and information on issues affecting the parent/s and their children. Providing elevated support to parents with challenging home circumstances and meeting the needs of their children and encouraging community engagement and increase social participation in the wider community. * Home Visiting support offer the unique opportunity to get to know the parent/s and their children and other significant others. To get a sense of their relationships, attitudes, beliefs, and support systems. Most crucially gain an understanding of what life might be for the child/ren and offer adequate support and establish trustworthy relationship with the parents/career. This support also offers the family the chance to establish a trustworthy relationship with the volunteer based on familiarity, trust, respect, and a sense of togetherness to achieve favourably outcomes for the family (as a whole. * To encourage and support parents to access Children Centre activities and parenting programmes and other local services/ opportunities. * To support parents to register and access universal health provisions to meet their children/unborn children’s development needs – Gp, Dental, Midwifery, health visitor and Optician, nursery, Together for Two etc. To support access to primary health care provision – Health-visiting and midwifery clinics, mental & physical health,social care, and local Gp services. * To facilitate access to wide range of information and support services for parents who are facing social exclusion / isolation. * To work closely with the Family Support Coordinator/s and enable access to appropriate and tailored supports, agreed desired outcomes with parents /carers and support the effectiveness of parenting practice and care- giving standards.   **Early Years and Childcare Provision:**   * To support children and families access Children's Centre activities and Community Settings. Inform, encourage, and support families to take up Nursery Provision, Together for Two, child – family's activities, Health Visiting services, Stay & Play Sessions, School Readiness programs, Parenting & Welling Groups   **Cafeteria Assistant:**   * The Volunteer Cafeteria Assistants will help to ensure the smooth running of the kitchen, and will be involved in food preparation, cooking, and engaging with families and their children and this also includes the community, partners and staff * The role would involve helping to prepare, store and cook food safely for the Community Café lunch service, as well as serving the food to families and their children while being a friendly professional and providing a welcoming presence. |
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| Address including postcode: | | |  | | | | | | | | | |
| Email Address: | | |  | | | | | | | | | |
| Ethnicity | | |  | | | | | | | | | |
| Mobile phone no: | | |  | | | | Emergency contact name and number: | | |  | | |
| Date of Birth: | | |  | | | |
| Do you speak any additional languages or International Language? (Including sign language) | | | | | | |  | | | | | |
| Do you have any commitments which could affect your volunteering with Home-Start? e.g, part-time work. | | | | | | |  | | | | | |
| What experience do you have in any of the following fields: parenting, family support, counselling, teaching, health and social care, administration, Education, health, local knowledge & Community Support, Advocacy, Volunteering, Childcare and Development, Supporting Refugee, Migrant and Asylum-seeking community/ Individuals, Youth and Criminal Justice, Child Minding, Early Years**?** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Have you any other skills and personal experience which may be relevant to the role as a volunteer for Home-Start Greenwich? (e.g., budgeting, cooking, parenting skills, looking after a child or adult with additional needs, health safety, Art&craft, Sewing/Tailoring, fundraising, events and marketing etc.) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Briefly explain why you want to volunteer for Home-Start Greenwich | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| How much time could you offer to Home-Start Greenwich as a volunteer on a regular weekly basis? | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| How did you hear of Home-Start Greenwich Volunteering scheme? | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Are you a university or College student looking for learning and developmental opportunity as part of your course, personal or career development? | | | | | | | | | | | | Yes /No |
| If yes, please provide course name and the college / University | | | | |  | | | | | | | |
| Name of Town/City of the University or college | | | | |  | | | | | | | |
| Start Date of study | |  | | | | | | Completion Date: | | | | |
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| Is there any other information you would like to add that is relevant to this application process? | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| REFERENCES: Please give the names and addresses of two referees that you have known for a minimum of two years (not a relative) include at least one professional reference, (previous employer wherever possible; alternatively, school, college or other professional such as a religious leader or a volunteer supervisor) who may be contacted by Home-Start Greenwich.  If you do not have a referee because you have been unemployed for a long time or you may have not engaged in the labour market or have recently been granted a refugee status or leave to remain in the UK, please give us the two reasonable adults contact whom we can contact for character reference please  ***Please ask permission prior to submitting names of individuals’ details and confirm full address and telephone numbers*** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Referee 1 | | | | | | Referees 2 | | | | | | |
| Name |  | | | | | Name | | |  | | | |
| Time known this person | | | |  | | Time known this person | | | | |  | |
| In what capacity? | | | |  | | In what capacity? | | | | |  | |
| Address |  | | | | | Address | | |  | | | |
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Signed: Date:

The information that you give on this form will be treated in the strictest confidence. Please note DBS checks will be undertaken as part of the recruitment process at a later stage. A member from the team will be in touch.