



Educational Support Volunteer at our After School's Club

Why Volunteer?

Would you like to make a difference to the next generation? Here's your chance to be part of something bigger, to provide a consistent, home away from home, safe place for children to come to every day after school.

The children aged 6 - 12 come from challenging backgrounds. 'The Club' is a place for them to grow and flourish. A place where they can discover what they're good at. 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, sometimes, turbulent lives.

What's involved in volunteering?

At Solas Project we rely on our fantastic and committed team of volunteers.

Tasks include:

- Sitting down with children at meal time
- Helping clear up plates and cups (packing the dishwasher)
- Supervising groups of 2-3 children for homework time, 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 to tell you more, **laugh** with them and try not to take anything too personally remembering that they are children.

What will I gain?

This is a perfect opportunity to gain experience if you're interested in youth work, social work, teaching, psychology, community outreach work or childcare. It's also a chance to feel like you are contributing to redeem society's socio economic imbalances.

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 flexible

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 one school term

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2pm – 6.30pm	✓	✓	✓	✓		

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