

# Dungeons & Dragons Club Volunteer

## Main purpose

To support and plan a group for 12-17yr old children with focus on developing social, creativity, problem-solving & mathematics skills.

What would I be doing?

Helping plan, promote and run weekly or fortnightly sessions for a tabletop role-playing games club for 12-17yr old children, playing Dungeons & Dragons.

The sessions could involve:

Use the games to encourage children's imagination & creativity.

Reading fantasy fiction and designing a game scenario themed around it (novels, graphic novels and more available via the Bristol Library catalogue; this would be a way to utilise limited (gaming) resources to involve a group of children working together to overcome problems and achieve goals).

Your responsibilities will include:

- Planning and facilitating regular sessions, setting up and cleaning up the space, materials and activities
- Ensuring safety of participants
- Participating in the promotion of the club
- Inspiring members to read books themed around the session
- Encouraging creative thinking and novel approaches to problem-solving
- Ensuring that a safe, positive, and caring environment is maintained at all times.

## When can I do my volunteering?

These sessions can be run weekly or fortnightly and will usually be 2-3 hours long.

You will need to be there

15 minutes before and after to welcome and say goodbye to the participants and to clear the books/dice away and prepare the space.

This role also could require some preparation time prior to each session (e.g. designing/writing short scenarios/narrative in order to ensure all members of the club get to play).



## **Where will I be volunteering?**

The Library which requires your support, can be your local library.

## **Who will be there with me?**

Library Assistants.

Please note that this role requires a DBS check. We also require volunteers to complete the online Safeguarding Children training on Bristol City Council's Learning platform.

## **Support and review**

Regular support and guidance will be given by a named library contact. There will be a 4 week trial period to ensure that all is going well—another volunteer opportunity may be suggested if the trial period has shown that this would be better for both parties.

Regular volunteer meet-ups and peer support.

## **Training, resources and information**

A full induction will be given, and further training offered where appropriate.

Resources: Provided by the Library. An outside source has kindly donated the required materials (e.g. D&D book, battle mat). Libraries West can offer a wide range of children's & YA fantasy books.

## **Am I right for this opportunity?**

This opportunity would suit someone who:

- Is creative and has a passion for engaging people
- Has some experience of playing/refereeing tabletop role-playing games
- Has or would like to gain experience communicating with people of any age
- Is organised and can commit for at least a term (6 or 12 sessions)
- Is passionate about reading and libraries

## **What will I get from volunteering?**

Some of the benefits are:

- Gain leadership experience: planning, delivering, managing and promoting a club



- Gain experience of working with young people in a teaching environment; sharing with and learning from others—useful for those considering a teaching career
- Opportunity to increase self confidence
- Socialising with other volunteers and staff
- Gaining experience for CVs and job applications – reference provided upon request
- Have fun spreading your passion for role-playing games!

