



Role Descriptor

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| Role Title: | Southampton Youth Voice Young Researcher Training Programme (SYV YRTP): Young Researcher |
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Summary

If you are given a place on this project, you will be part of a group of young people aged 14-18, meeting once a week at LifeLab (based at the University Hospital Southampton) to take part in 12-14 training sessions. Learning about research will give you confidence and skills. Taking part in the project will also improve transferrable skills such as communication, and will look excellent on your CV. You will be supported by health and research professionals throughout the entirety of this project.

You will be encouraged to develop your own research questions about what a Youth Voice Service looks like and how young people's voices should be included in the design of services. In order for your research questions to relate to Southampton City Council's priorities, service leaders in the community will be invited to some of our sessions to talk about Southampton City Council's priority themes.

We are particularly keen to engage with young people with lived experience of special educational needs and who are/have been care-experienced/care-leavers because these young people are often underrepresented.

Salary: You will be employed by the University of Southampton and will be paid at an hourly rate of £13.10 + 12.07% holiday pay.

Personal qualities

- To be willing to engage in discussion and share ideas.
- To be willing to provide insights.
- To have a positive attitude.
- To share views and experiences in a constructive way.

Requirement of the role

- To attend a weekly in-person session, on Wednesdays from 5-7pm at LifeLab, Southampton General Hospital.
- To complete two hours of independent work per week.
- Commitment to the role and to attending sessions when required.
- Commitment to continued learning and development.
- Commitment to equality and diversity.
- Commitment to complete any tasks set.

Main duties and responsibilities

- To complete the Young Researcher Training Programme and conduct your own research.
- To communicate with team members by responding to emails, texts, or TEAMS messages in a timely manner.
- To take responsibility for registering with UniWorkforce, checking documents thoroughly, following instructions and providing specific documentation for Right to Work checks, including bank details.

- To ensure that independent work is completed and uploaded to the TEAMS site by agreed dates.

Key Skills

- Basic literacy and IT skills.
- Active participation both individually and as part of a team.
- A positive outlook.
- Effective verbal and listening communication skills.
- Able to maintain confidentiality.