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Volunteers for our packing project

The Separated Child Foundation is recruiting new volunteers to create arrival packs and sleep packs for lone refugee children and young people arriving in the UK. Demand for packs has more than doubled in the past month; we are looking to grow our team to ensure that every separated child gets the practical essentials they need following their long and traumatic journeys to safety. Our friendly team, known as the 'Purple Packers', meets on alternative Sunday mornings between 10am and 1pm and there are also some weekday sessions on Mondays and occasional Fridays.

Time commitment: Ideally one session every 4-6 weeks to give a sense of engagement and community, and to help team stability.

Induction mornings: New volunteers will be invited to attend an induction morning facilitated by the project manager and one of our Trustees.

Location: The Big Yellow Self Storage warehouse near the North Circular Road, London, NW2 7JP. Free parking is available and several buses stop nearby. For those travelling by underground, it is usually possible to get a lift from a nearby tube station with another volunteer. We can also reimburse travel expenses, with a receipt.

Role description: The duties are largely repetitive tasks and include; assembling arrival/sleep packs and preparing the items that go in them e.g. filling lavender pouches, folding T-shirts, filling wash bags etc. Other tasks can include processing incoming goods, replenishing stock, cleaning and sweeping, and removing rubbish and recycling. Task preferences can usually be accommodated.

Health and safety: Each session is managed by a Pack Leader and there is a qualified First-Aider present at all times. All our Purple packers must complete a volunteer registration form and read and comply with our safeguarding and child protection policy. A 'young person' consent form must be filled in by the parent or carer for any volunteers under the age of 18.

To register your interest, please email contact@separatedchild.org.uk