



## **VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR PACKING PROJECT**

### **Volunteering with us**

We are looking for new volunteers to help us expand our existing packing project, creating packs for separated children and young people who arrive in the UK with nothing.

Volunteering with us will give you a great sense of fulfilment and will offer you the chance to use your skills in a friendly environment, whilst making a significant difference to the lives of separated children!



*Our logo incorporates a purple ribbon; volunteer shifts are often therefore referred to as Purple Packing, and the volunteers themselves as Purple Packers!*

### **Why separated children need our help**

In 2021, 3,762 children applied for asylum in the UK having arrived here alone, because their parents have been killed, imprisoned or are otherwise unable to leave. Separated children share with other refugees a well-founded fear of persecution. They experience the double trauma of separation, not only from their homelands, culture and natural environment but also from the adults who gave them love and care.

### **KEY INFORMATION ABOUT THE ROLE**

**Time commitment:** Ideally one session every 4-6 weeks to give a sense of engagement and community and to help with team-building, and to ensure the continued delivery of our services.

**Location:** The Big Yellow Self Storage warehouse near the North Circular Road, London, NW2 7JP. Free parking is available and several buses stop nearby.

**Role description:** Duties are largely repetitive tasks and include; assembling essentials/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 volunteers must complete a [volunteer registration form](#) and read and comply with our policies for safeguarding and child protection and health and safety. A [young person consent and health form](#) must be filled in by the parent or carer for any volunteers under the age of 18.

**Expenses:** Volunteers play a vital role in the delivery of our services. It is important to us that volunteering with us is accessible to all, and that volunteers are not out-of-pocket as a result of expenses they incur when giving their time. We will therefore reimburse reasonable out-of-pocket expenses such as travel, if requested.

## WHAT NEXT?

If you'd like to come and join one of our friendly packing sessions, please complete the [volunteer registration form](#).

We're committed to having a diverse team of volunteers that truly reflects our society, including the children and young people that we support. We particularly welcome applications from people who have the lived experience of a separated child or a refugee in another situation, or else have been working for organisations that support refugees, and from people in under-represented communities.

## ABOUT US

Established in 2007, The Separated Child Foundation offers practical, emotional and social support to separated children and young people in Britain who are asylum seekers or refugees - sometimes referred to as 'unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (UASCs)'. The children we support arrive with nothing, having fled their homeland because of war, terror or persecution.

We are a small but growing charity and currently have five part-time staff members (including a Project Manager for our Packs Project) supported by 10 Trustees, 50 volunteers, and three freelance youth workers.

We work in partnership with over 90 agencies in 100+ locations across the UK to offer a range of support to separated children.

The packing project is an integral part of what we do, ensuring that separated children are offered dignity and comfort after their traumatic experiences.

We look forward to hearing from you!