

Volunteer Spotlight



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VOLUNTEER WITH NORTH BELFAST
AREA PROJECT FOR 3 YEARS

Q: How did you get involved in volunteer work?

I am a volunteer at EA's North Belfast Area Project and have been volunteering for 3 years. I first got into volunteer work at the age of 15 when I attended Mountainhill Youth Centre in Ligoneil through the North Belfast Area Project.

Q: What do you enjoy most about volunteering?

The thing I enjoy most about volunteering is meeting up with young people, having fun doing games and activities and helping the leaders get everything complete each evening.

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Q: What type of activities/groups have you been involved in?

As part of my role in NBAP, I have been involved in many different opportunities, one of which was Sky Camp. This is a good relations camp that starts with 6 weeks of clubs from all over north Belfast meeting in their own clubs followed by a 5 day residential at Ardaluin House in Newcastle.

The residential gives everyone the chance to get to know each other and its good craic. There are themed culture nights, for example, we had nights learning about different cultures such as Ulster, Chinese and Indian.

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Q: How long have you been volunteering in your project?

I've now been volunteering in Mountainhill Youth Centre since I was 15 years old and attended Sky Camp the following year.

From here I've worked on many different projects and got to work in other youth centres and clubs across North Belfast.

Q: Would you recommend volunteering to others?

I would highly recommend volunteering to others! Since I started volunteering it's boosted my confidence and I've gained more knowledge about myself and I have developed skills that have helped me in other areas of my life.