**Would you like a volunteering role engaging, supporting and empowering young people in Trafford?**

Street Talk is the name of Trafford’s new Detached Youth Work Team. Street Talk Youth Workers engages young people where they choose to meet; be it a village green, retail-park or an urban housing estate, and working with them to an agreed outcome.  It is about empowering, informally educating and supporting young people within their community.  Detached Youth Workers literally enter the ‘space’ occupied by young people, and the dynamics are different to other youth work interventions. The key to success is in the positive relationships built and this requires time, commitment and really good negotiation skills.

Talkshop Trafford provides many services to young people aged 11-19 (25 with additional needs or care leavers) including an Advice and Information Drop-In, in a safe, friendly and non-judgemental youth worker-led environment. Providing support on a wide range of issues including sexual health, homelessness, exploring sexuality, drug and alcohol emotional well-being, career aspirations and much more. Talkshop also offer support around Child Sexual Exploitation, pregnancy and parenthood and those young people missing from home or care.

**Possible duties include:**

* To support the detached street-based team to complete administration and planning work including working with partners to facilitate street-based projects.
* Supporting Detached Youth Work sessions out in the community.
* Going out in the community as part of a team and engaging groups of young people and building relationships to carry out street based projects.
* Ensuring that the voices of young people are sought, heard and represented appropriately.
* Supporting the detached street-based team to deliver informal education activities e.g. leisure, sporting and art activities.
* Working as part of a team to facilitate street-based youth work projects with young people.
* Liaising and working with partner organisation to facilitate street-based youth work projects.
* Supporting vulnerable young people in the community.

**Why volunteer?**  
· You have an understanding of the needs of young people  
· You have a non-judgemental attitude  
· You have a strong commitment and an understanding of the factors affecting young people  
· You have excellent communication skills.

**Why volunteer with us?**  
· Support within your role  
· One to one supervision every 6-8 weeks  
· You will be kept up to date on your training, including Safeguarding  
· Up to date DBS checks while you are volunteering with us  
· You will be offered support on any personal issues raised as a result of the volunteering  
· Help and support if you want to transition into or return to employed work.

Due to the nature of the role and the young people you will be supporting we ask that all volunteers are aged 20 years or over. All volunteers will be subject to an Enhanced DBS Check.

**TLC: Talk, Listen, Change is Manchester’s own relationships charity and our mission is to help build healthy and happy relationships in all areas of peoples lives.**

To request an application form, please email Emma Murphy on emmamurphy@talklistenchange.org.uk

Or, for further discussion about the role, please contact Emma the Early Help Volunteer Coordinator on 07803 415636.