



# Volunteer with City Year London

**City Year London, a full time volunteering programme, is coming to London and looking for 18-25 year olds with a passion to make a difference and up for a challenge!**

**A year with City Year is unlike any other. By joining, you will make a difference in the lives of children, make strong friendships, and play your part in making the world a better place.**

## **What is City Year?**

City Year brings together young people of all backgrounds for a year of full-time volunteering, giving them the skills and opportunities to change the world. Working in schools as tutors, mentors and role models, these young leaders make a difference by performing in-school and after-school programmes and community projects. City Year has been successfully operating in 19 US cities and Johannesburg over the last 20 years – for further details please see [www.cityyear.org](http://www.cityyear.org).

## **What's happening in London?**

We're looking for a 'start up' team of **8** young people **to start in January 2010** to train as volunteers to help with translating the City Year model to the UK context.

We're also looking for **57** young people to **start in August 2010** to be trained to support schools in London.



## **I'm interested in joining in January 2010 – What will I be doing?**

You will be based in and around Shoreditch in East London, supporting our staff in translating the City Year US model to the UK context. This will involve:

1. A fact-finding trip to the US to find out how City Year works there
2. Workshops and training sessions
3. Working with staff and schools to translate City Year programmes into the UK context
4. Leading community volunteering days in the local area
5. Acting as an ambassador for City Year London
6. Recruiting next year's 57 volunteers!

## ***I'm interested in joining in August 2010 – What will I be doing?***

Just like in the US and South Africa, your volunteering will revolve around the following activities:

1. **School Based Programmes** – Volunteer in schools as tutors, mentors, role models and leaders of after school programmes – this school based service is at the heart of City Year's approach to creating positive change in the lives of children and their school environment.
2. **Youth Leadership** – Lead after school programmes that give primary and secondary school students the opportunity to make a difference
3. **Community Transformation** – Engage community members, corporate partners and other young people in transforming communities through physical volunteering projects – for example revitalising community centres

## ***What do I get out of it?***

1. **The opportunity to be part of something amazing!**
2. Training to undertake your placement
3. An opportunity to train in the US ( Boston) – for those starting in January 2010
4. Up to £100 per week in expenses
5. Leadership and communications training
6. Networking sessions and professional development
7. A Timberland Uniform

We would like participants to receive an accreditation for their volunteering placement. We are exploring this with the aim of having it in place for young people starting in August 2010.

## ***Who are we looking for?***

- Young people aged 18-25 years old with leadership qualities and looking to volunteer full time for 6 months (January 2010 start) or up to 10 months (late August 2010 start)
- Minimum of English GCSE A-C or equivalent
- UK citizen, or indefinite leave to remain in the UK
- Passion for working on a diverse team of young adults and to work with children in the local community

## ***What we'll need you to show us:***

1. Ability to develop activities and events for young people
2. Ability to work with and engage and motivate young people
3. Ability to use initiatives and work creatively, both independent and as part of a team
4. Ability to demonstrate an understanding of diversity and equality of opportunity
5. Ability to demonstrate a commitment to the local community
6. Ability to work flexible hours – which could include some weekends, breakfast clubs or early evenings.

## ***Interested in finding out more or applying?***

Visit our [www.cityyear.org.uk](http://www.cityyear.org.uk) to find out how to apply or e-mail [jrossi@cityyear.org.uk](mailto:jrossi@cityyear.org.uk) for further details.

**Our first interviews will be during the week beginning 17 November.** But we will continue recruiting volunteers until we have reached our volunteer quota for each start date.

***This placement is subject to a CRB check.***

