



## Role Description

### Refuge Play Volunteer

#### The Pankhurst Trust (Incorporating Manchester Women's Aid)

In 2014 The Pankhurst Trust and Manchester Women's Aid merged to form one charity The Pankhurst Trust with the joint purpose of fighting for gender equality, ending violence against women and girls and celebrating the birthplace of the Suffragette movement.

As well as the Heritage Museum, we also support women who have left, want to leave or whom are in the process of leaving an abusive relationship.

**Role :** Refuge Play Volunteer

**Reports to:** Play Worker / Intensive Housing Management Workers (Refuge team)  
Volunteers Coordinator

**Hours:** 1 -3 days weekly  
Term Time 3:30 -5:30pm (School holidays 1-3pm)

For continuity with the service we are looking for volunteers who can commit regularly for a minimum of 3 months.

**Location** Refuge – location must be kept confidential

**Aims of Role:** To enhance children's play

**Key Tasks:**

- To support the Play worker set up the session and tidy away
- To be playful with the children and follow their lead

**Qualities / Skills:**

- Requires a DBS Certificate – to be organised by Volunteer Coordinator
- A playful disposition and a good sense of humour
- Ability to play with children of various ages
- Ability to follow a child's lead and not lead a child's play.
- Reliable , patient and observant
- Awareness of the needs of different cultures and religions
- Awareness of the impact of domestic violence on children.

**Training / Supervision:**

- Safeguarding children training – provided by Pankhurst Trust
- Play Session induction
- Regular meetings with Volunteer Coordinator

"My volunteering role did exceed my expectations. I initially applied to volunteer as a play worker but then also volunteered at the woman's drop-in. Everyone is really nice and welcoming, the atmosphere at the women's drop-in and play sessions was very friendly. The extra opportunities such as training and other volunteering roles provided for volunteers is really good." Play Worker Volunteer, 2018