



Be a mentor for a young leader!

- ➔ Do you have at least two years experience in youth work or youth development?
- ➔ Looking for a unique volunteering opportunity?
- ➔ Interested in other cultures and communities?
- ➔ Want to empower a young person to make a difference in their community?
- ➔ Keen to get some cross-cultural work experience?

ChangeMakers Refugee Forum is looking for mentors from the youth development sector who can support a refugee-background young leader to complete a youth project in their community.

It's part of a youth leadership project which aims to build up the skills of young leaders in refugee-background communities so they can better support other young people in their communities.

Volunteer mentors need to be available for up to two hours a week, and feel confident to support the young leaders to develop and deliver manageable, realistic youth projects. You should have some skills in leading youth groups or projects, know how to make and manage money, and be a good planner and organiser.

The young leaders will be aged between 16 and 29, and will be from the communities which ChangeMakers supports: Afghan, Assyrian, Burmese, Cambodian, Eritrean, Ethiopian, Iraqi, Oromo, Somali, Rwandan, Sudanese, Ugandan and Zimbabwean.

The projects will be developed by the young leaders, but could be anything from starting a football team to teaching children mother tongue.



Got more questions?

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Youth Leadership Project 2010

Info for Youth Development Mentors



Who are the young leaders?

The young leaders will be selected by community leaders, young people in the community and ChangeMakers. They will be selected based on their leadership potential, integrity, commitment, motivation, and connection to young people in their community.

What's the commitment?

The programme runs from March to December; and we estimate it will take up to two hours a week. A little of that will be training, some will be peer supervision, but most will be time with the young leader supporting them to do what they're good at.

The youth development mentor's role:

- To build their knowledge of youth development principles (eg. connectedness, building good relationships, participation etc.)
- To build their skills in motivating and managing groups of young people
- To develop manageable project plans
- To build on their knowledge of fundraising, budgeting and planning
- To support young leaders to follow through on the goals they have set themselves
- To help them make connections and access resources in the host community

The support we'll provide for you:

- A full-day training before you start, and a half-day workshop with your potential mentee
- Peer supervision with other youth worker mentors every six weeks
- You will be working alongside a 'community mentor' – a trusted adult from the young leader's community
- Youth Development Coordinator Tessa Johnstone around for talks any time

Key dates:

Wednesday, February 24

5.30pm to 7pm

Youth Development Mentor Info Night

Open to anyone who thinks they might be keen

Saturday, March 13

10am to 5pm

Youth Development Mentor Training

Compulsory attendance if you're going to be a mentor!

Saturday, April 10

1pm to 4pm

Mentor Matching Day

A chance to get to know the 8 young leaders in the project, and let us know who you'd like to work with

Still reading? Not scared off yet? Fill this out...

Name:

Mobile:

Work or home phone:

Email address:

Who do you work for?

Get this back to Tessa and she'll give you a call, or just get in touch - 801 5812, or email tessa@crf.org.nz.