



# WALLINGFORD COMMITTEE MEMBER PACK

AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN AN IMPACTFUL  
YOUTH CHARITY AT A CRITICAL TIME IN OUR GROWTH  
AND DEVELOPMENT



**CLOSING DATE:  
27 SEPT 2024**

**VOLUNTARY  
POSITION**



# A WORD FROM OUR YOUTH WORKER

Hello, and thank you for considering joining our Wallingford Committee.

I joined TRAIN in 2022 to do my Level 3 Diploma in Youth Work Practice. I engaged with TRAIN's services as a young person, which gave me a deep understanding of the needs of young people today and inspired me to pursue a career in youth work, starting at TRAIN.

I was incredibly excited to be involved in TRAIN Wallingford in 2024, having grown up between Wallingford and Didcot. As a member of the Wallingford community, I knew that there was a clear need for our services in the area. In the past four months, we have seen 142 young people in Wallingford come to our sessions, highlighting this need.

At TRAIN, we pride ourselves on fostering close ties with the community to do impactful work. For example, we worked with Wallingford School to run a group mentoring programme that focuses on building self-confidence, resilience, and healthy relationships.

To continue to meet the diverse, unique and growing needs of young people today, we are looking for individuals to help us fundraise, build connections, and grow our volunteer team.

If you want to improve the lives of young people, give back to the community, and meet like-minded people, then please get in touch. We would love to hear from you!

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# THE TRAIN WALLINGFORD COMMITTEE

Wallingford TRAIN youth provision began in April 2024 thanks to a great deal of hard work and support from the local community and some seed funding from Oxfordshire Community Foundation. We're grateful to the town council for lending us their property on St Martin's Street, which has been converted into a youth space.

The response from the young people has been incredible. Wallingford can be very proud of its youth population.

However, **the funding for the project runs out in March 2025**, and we need to work hard now on ensuring a sustainable future for this vital provision. For TRAIN Wallingford to flourish, it needs to be fully embedded in the local community. And for that, **we need your help**.

We're currently forming a TRAIN Wallingford committee who will:

- Develop and maintain relationships with local stakeholders
- Fundraise for TRAIN Wallingford
- Organise community events
- Recruit volunteers to grow our team
- Champion the work and advocate for Wallingford's young people
- Support Yasmin in developing a locally contextualised expression of TRAIN

The committee will consist of 6-10 local community members, who are passionate about ensuring every young person has the opportunity to thrive.

The committee will be free from legal governance obligations, as these are held by the trustees of TRAIN. One member of the committee, likely the chair, will join the TRAIN board.



## OUR MISSION

TRAIN exists to improve the life opportunities of children and young people in Didcot and Wallingford, especially those who are in need, disadvantaged or vulnerable, by empowering them to make informed decisions, attain stability, and become integrated members of society.

We empower young people to believe in their self-worth, to make good life choices, to accept and value their right to healthy and safe relationships ... and we watch their relationships with family, school and the wider community improve.

# OUR WORK

We deliver front-line youth work services across three core pillars:

## **Place-based, Open Access Provision:**

TRAIN runs open-access youth clubs, drop-ins and holiday programmes in South Oxfordshire, offering activities and a safe space with support from dedicated youth workers.

## **Detached and Outreach:**

TRAIN's youth workers engage young people on the streets and in parks, building relationships, providing positive influence, and connecting them to other services.

## **Targeted Mentoring:**

TRAIN provides one-to-one and group mentoring, including specific support groups like our brilliant Shout! group for young LGBTQ+ people, ensuring tailored guidance for young people referred by schools and partners.





# 142

young people engaged with TRAIN  
Wallingford in 2024

# 1565

interactions with young people in 2024

# 180

youth work sessions delivered since April  
2024

# ARE YOU READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO WALLINGFORD'S YOUNG PEOPLE?

We're looking for committed individuals to join our TRAIN Wallingford committee. This is your chance to play a crucial role in shaping the future of youth services in our community!

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

- Community enthusiasts with a heart for young people
- Creative thinkers who can help us overcome challenges
- People with diverse skills – from social media savvy to event planning expertise
- Those with local connections who can help us build strong community partnerships
- Individuals with some time to spare (typically 4-6 hours a month) and loads of enthusiasm

## **This opportunity would be perfect for:**

- Retired professionals looking to give back
- Parents who want to create a better future for all local youth
- Young adults eager to gain experience in community leadership
- Local business owners interested in supporting social causes
- Anyone with a passion for youth development and community building

No specific experience is required – just a willingness to learn, contribute, and make a difference. If you're excited about creating opportunities for Wallingford's young people to thrive, we want to hear from you!

Join us in creating a positive future for our community!

# WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

- Be a local hero: make a real, tangible impact on the lives of young people in Wallingford.
- Flex your skills: whether you're a networking expert, a fundraising wizard, or a community champion, there's a place for your talents here.
- Grow your network: connect with like-minded individuals who are passionate about youth development.
- Learn and develop: gain valuable experience in community engagement, fundraising, and youth work.
- Shape the future: help mould TRAIN Wallingford to best serve our unique local context.

## NEXT STEPS

**Closing date: Friday 27 September 2024**

Email our trustee Tom Smith for an informal conversation about the role.

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