



Role description: Marrickville South Collective general volunteers

The Marrickville South Collective role requires a volunteer to help with community activities for children and families in the local school and surrounding neighbourhood.

In all that we do, NNC is committed to social justice and belonging. We want to create a more vibrant, inclusive and equitable community.

The activities of the Marrickville South Collective (MSC) provide a soft entry point to pathways for continuum of quality services. The primary purpose of the MSC Volunteer position typically involves a variety of tasks aimed at maintaining and enhancing community cohesion, safety, inclusion and belonging.

Key attributes and requirements:

- Commitment Newtown Neighbourhood Centre's values of promoting a fair and inclusive community.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- A friendly disposition and approachable nature.
- Ability to engage with people of all ages and from all backgrounds.
- Adaptable to different environments and situations.
- Capacity to stay calm under pressure and ask for help or advice if needed.
- Willingness to undertake and attend training days.
- Able to commit to an allocated shift once a week
- An interest in current affairs and social justice issues.
- A commitment to adhere to NNC's privacy and confidentiality policies.

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Role 1: MSC Breakfast Club

Benefits:

Offer your time to support students healthy start to the school week. All school students are invited to participate in Breakfast Club as it fills tummies and creates a calm way to settle in and connect with friends before the school day begins.

Location:

- Marrickville West Public School

Time:

- Monday mornings during school terms 8:15am – 10am

Duties:

- Prepare the fruit, cheese toasties and sometimes scrambled eggs.
- Cleaning the tables, washing dishes, work stations, food prep, cleaning floors.

Reporting procedures:

- Lindy Alwis, direct supervisor at Marrickville West Primary School

Working Requirements:

- Working with Children Check
- NSW Police Check

Training:

- Site induction

Role 2: MSC Playzone

Benefits:

Offer your time to support young people in social connection and engagement after school, with sports, games, craft and reading. This flexible yet structured time is supported by community workers from Newtown Neighbourhood Centre and Connect Marrickville. Children aged 0-12 can attend this group with their parents. This would suit someone that is calm yet confident.

Location:

- Illawarra Rd Marrickville

Time:

- Last Thursday of the month 2pm – 5pm, with potential for an hour in the days prior

Duties:

- Set up tasks: help set up craft and activity areas, hanging Bunting, tidying of play area
- Engage in activities set out such as playdough, board games, craft, or sport with the young people

Reporting procedures:

- Lindy Alwis and Michael Peterson, supervisor's at Playzone

Working Requirements:

- Working with Children Check
- NSW Police Check
- Youth experience is valued, but not required

Training:

- Site induction

Role 3: MSC Louise Lawson Reserve BBQS

Benefits:

This is a fantastic opportunity to engage with local community members in Marrickville South, by providing a family friendly afternoon where residents have a chance to get together for social connection. Residents are supported by NNC, Connect Marrickville, IWC and other services, who are on-hand to chat about a range of challenges folks may be facing, or learn about fun activities happening for them in the area.

Location:

- Louisa Lawson Reserve, Marrickville

Time:

- Last Thursday of the month 2pm – 5pm, with potential for an hour in the days prior

Duties:

- Set up tasks: help set up BBQ and activity areas, hanging Bunting, setting up tables, unloading food hamper boxes, setting up mats and games.
- Activities can include cooking sausages, serving sausages on bread, distributing food hampers, chatting with residents, providing children's play activities, reading, craft and lawn games.
- Additional time in days leading up to the BBQ would include distributing fliers in the local neighbourhood.

Reporting procedures:

- Tom McDonald, supervisor at Louisa Lawson Reserve Community BBQ's

Working Requirements:

- Working with Children Check
- NSW Police Check

Training:

- Site induction

Role 4: Paint Inner West REaD (PIWR) Story-teller

Benefits:

Paint Inner West REaD is an early literacy program that encourages a whole-of-community approach to read, talk, sing, and draw with children from birth to help with school readiness. This role not only assists in building capacity for young children's literacy but also brings the love of reading and story sharing to children and parents. Creating joyful connection to books can set a child up foundationally for success in school and beyond not only academically, but also increases wellbeing outcomes.

Location:

- Various locations around the Inner West Council

Time:

- Varied -approx 1 hr per day. Can be flexible on time and day week

Duties:

- Representing PIWR as a storyteller at events or visiting groups and services.
- Reading stories for children 0-5yrs old
- Set up tasks: help set up Bunting and banners, reading mat and cushions.

Reporting procedures:

- Tom McDonald, supervisor at Louisa Lawson Reserve Community BBQ's

Working Requirements:

- Working with Children Check
- NSW Police Check
- ideal for parents, grandparents or early-childhood trained people. Flair for the dramatic encouraged!

Training:

- NNC Volunteer induction
- Storytelling workshop available, Building Brain workshop available

Role 5: Paint Inner West REaD (PIWR) Mascot or handler

Benefits:

Paint Inner West REaD is an early literacy program that encourages a whole-of-community approach to read, talk, sing, and draw with children from birth to help with school readiness. PIWR has two cuddly adult-sized mascot's, a pelican called Garranga Bumarri, and Gadi the dog (short for Gadigal). They often attend local events to partake in storytelling sessions, share their love of reading, and to meet kids from all over the Inner West. This opportunity brings joy to many children's faces. The Handler is the face and the voice. They are the person who brings the energy to the space around the mascot and talks to kids and parents about reading from birth to build early literacy skills for school success.

Location:

- Various locations around the Inner West Council

Time:

- Varied: approx. an hour or 2 a few weeks through winter and autumn months

Duties:

- Tasks: to wear a pelican mascot costume or be the handler for the mascot wearer. Wearer of the mascot needs to NOT talk while in costume.
- Costume is only worn 15 min at a time.
- Handler needs to be comfortable bringing energy to the space and talking for the mascot. At the same time, they need to ensure the mascot wearer is comfortable and safe and can be removed from situations as necessary. They may need to help the wearer get in and out of the costume.
- The handler will be expected to learn about early literacy and the PIWR history and aims.

Reporting procedures:

- Tom McDonald, supervisor at Louisa Lawson Reserve Community BBQ's

Working Requirements:

- Working with Children Check
- NSW Police Check
- Being a mascot would suit someone not claustrophobic and perhaps a little shy but willing to be animated.

Training:

- NNC Volunteer induction
- Storytelling workshop available, Building Brain workshop available