

## halow - Flexible Buddy/Support Worker (Guildford, Godalming, Surbiton, Staines)

halow project – Surrey

### "Buddy"/Support Worker – Guildford, Godalming, Surbiton, Staines

**Hours:** Part Time (additionally hours may be possible). See table below for details of locations and times buddies are needed.

**Salary:** £8.50 per hour plus accrued holiday pay and travel expenses on behalf of the organisation

**Location:** Guildford, Godalming, Surbiton, Staines (Surrey)

At **halow**, we provide exciting opportunities and support for young people with a learning disability to access social activities, community based learning and work like experiences.

One of our many services is our Buddy Service, which provides 1:1 support to our young people and endeavours to enhance their life, independence and social skills, as well as their opportunity to enjoy leisure activities.

This service is proving to be highly popular and as such, there is an ever increasing demand for Buddies to come on board and be involved in the fun and rewarding work that we do.

We are seeking 4 Buddy/Support Workers in the Surrey area to provide bespoke support to a particular young person.

Location	Hours of Shift	Female or male buddy only
Surbiton	Saturdays 10.00am-4.00 pm	Female buddy only
Staines	Mondays 10.00am-3.00 pm and alternate Saturdays 11.00am-4.00 pm	Female buddy only
Guildford	4 hours during week and 8 hours on Saturdays	Male buddy only
Godalming	5.00pm-10.00 pm Tuesdays and alternative weekends 12.00-9.00 pm	Male buddy only

***This young person particularly wants to develop their confidence, meet others with similar interests and build a peer network. In the long term this young person wants to develop the skills to leave home and live independently. "I am looking for a kind and fun person to help me become more independent and enjoy life!"***

### What does a Buddy typically do?

As a buddy to one of our young people, you would provide 1:1 personalised support including:

- Developing an understanding of the young person's personal needs and building a rapport with them
- Supporting the young person to take part in everyday, educational and/or social activities such as bowling, going to the cinema, enjoying a meal out together, rock-climbing or canoeing

- Supporting the young person with their housekeeping duties such as cooking, grocery shopping or cleaning
- Assisting and encouraging the young person to gain as much independence as possible and to help them exercise as much choice in their daily lives as they are able to

### **What type of person makes a great Buddy?**

Typically, a great Buddy would be someone with excellent communication skills, a positive attitude and passion for helping others.

### **What experience do I need to be a Buddy?**

In short, you don't, as full training will be provided although previous experience working with young people with learning disabilities would be an advantage.

At **halow**, we will consider applications from individuals who demonstrate a genuine desire to gain experience working within a charitable organisation and work with young people with a learning disability.

- There will be local travel involved in the role and we therefore applicants must have a driving licence and access to a vehicle.
- Applicants must be over the age of 18.
- **halow** is committed to equal opportunities and values diversity in its workforce.
- Successful applications are subject to an enhanced DBS (formally CRB) disclosure.
- No agencies please.

For more information, please see our website: [www.halowproject.org.uk/get-involved/work-for-halow](http://www.halowproject.org.uk/get-involved/work-for-halow)

**Closing Date: Friday July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Job Type:** Part-time

**Salary:** £8.50 /hour

**Job Location:**

- Guildford, Godalming, Surbiton, Staines, Surrey

**Required licences or certifications:**

- DBS Certificate
- Driving License
- Car