

# We need you to help children read

**Volunteer Reading Help (VRH) are looking for more volunteers of all ages and cultural backgrounds in the BD5 area to work with children aged 5 -11 years.**

VRH recruits, trains and supports volunteers working in local primary schools with 3 children in one to one sessions. The children, chosen by the school already have some reading ability but what they may lack is confidence, have low self-esteem, be shy or under achieving and need extra support. The volunteer is not a teacher but is there to befriend the child, and gain their trust, encourage their interest and enjoyment of books, build their confidence through praise, and help with social skills through, for example, playing games, writing stories and poems, and conversation. The work aims to be fun and relaxed.

Volunteers undergo training and are supported by the branch staff. This is an excellent way of getting some work experience especially if people are interested in a career in childcare, education or working with children and young people. Travel expenses are reimbursed and there's opportunity for further training, meetings, talks and fundraising events throughout the school year. VRH is also piloting its work in 3 branch libraries whereby volunteers help children aged 8 to 15 years with reading, homework and study skills through the Library Connect Project. This enables people who cannot volunteer during the day to help after school hours or on a Saturday morning.

For an informal chat and further information contact Branch Organiser Anita Pearson on 01274 437178 or email [bradford@vrh.org.uk](mailto:bradford@vrh.org.uk).

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