



## LAMBETH SCHOOLS PATROL VOLUNTEER PATROL OFFICER JOB DESCRIPTION

**Lambeth Schools Patrol (LSP)** is a voluntary community service, operating between the hours of three and 6 PM with the aim of providing a presence in Central Brixton with a view to positively engaging with young people making their way home from school.

### **YOUR ROLE:**

As a Volunteer Patrol Officer you will provide a friendly, approachable presence to help encourage and guide young people to become positive active community citizens. You will also be available to assist and signpost both parents and young people to relevant support, advice and referral services in the community that may be of benefit to them.

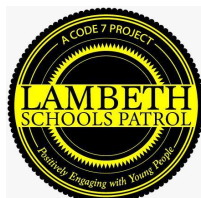
This is part of a community public health response to tackling critical challenges that face some Lambeth pupils, both within their homes and local communities. The project also offers an opportunity to provide a permanent resource in the central Brixton on school days, when the weather is agreeable, offering a peripatetic community led youth and advice service on the High Street.

This role involves building a rapport with members of the community, engagement with various social groups, the ability to make decisions that benefit others and the desire to make a difference.

All volunteers will work as part of a structured team where community safety and leadership is at the heart of what we do. All volunteers will be offered and must complete a minimum of five core fully accredited, training packages and be committed to attend further training as required.

### **MAIN DUTIES:**

- Occasional and seasonal foot patrol in Central Brixton between 2:30pm -5:30pm (on a rota basis) plus a debrief after each shift
- Befriending (engaging in positive conversations with pupils and members of the community)
- Ensure and maintain LSP confidentiality framework
- Keeping accurate records and take part in pre-brief and debrief discussions
- Reporting back on incidents, concerns and engagement
- Distribute parental sign up and consent forms
- Signposting young people and parents to a broad range of support services in their locality
- To act as an advocate in promoting the project and recruit others





## ESSENTIAL

- DBS Advanced Disclosure (we will apply for this)
- Attending all necessary core training sessions
- Have experience of working in the community with an understanding of the general issues that affect local communities
- Good written and communication skills
- Ability to take instruction and work as a team player
- An ability to keep confidences and respect privacy
- Have a personable and approachable manner
- Neutral approach to dealing with social issues
- An ability to treat all pupils equally

Safeguarding our community is a key factor of Lambeth Schools Patrol we therefore expect all Volunteer Patrol Officers to attend induction training for approximately 3 hours, once a week for four sessions prior to commencing their role. Ongoing training will be provided as part of the role.

Attendance to this training is essential in being able to carry out the role. This training is accredited and can support you in other areas of your life and career.

