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## Young Helper Project



# Campus Children's Holidays

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 Campus Children's Holidays

Young Helper project runs each year, and is an incredibly important project in many ways. Over the course of a long weekend, experienced Campus volunteers train ex-Campus children aged 14-16 so that they themselves can volunteer on Campus projects. Each year, around 10 young people graduate from Young Helper Training as new 'Young Helpers', following which they are given the chance to volunteer on either our residential or day summer projects. For the next four years, these Young Helpers are supported by a programme particularly tailored towards them, so that they can continue to grow and develop as a Campus helper. For many Young Helpers, the chance to remain a part of the Campus community is an incredibly important part of the project. However, ex-Young Helpers have also told us how valuable this training is for opening up other opportunities, whether in college applications, work, or even university.

This year, 10 young people attended the project, along with around 12 adult volunteers (everyone wanted to come!) After the adults set up the site, they had a long morning wait while the minibus travelled all around Liverpool, which, to quote an anonymous coordinator of this project: "Feels just like waiting for all the guests to arrive at a party!"

As soon as the Potential Young Helpers arrived, we treated them to lunch (soup!!) and played a few ice breaking games to share our favourite memories of Campus and get to know each other.

After this, the real work of the next few days began: the training sessions. These included: park safety, bedtimes, dealing with boredom and conflict, safeguarding, and (one of the most popular) food preparation.

The latter involved going to buy food from a local supermarket and making a 3 course meal on a budget. Both nights these meals were incredibly impressive!

Over the course of the weekend, the adult volunteers spent time with the young people, talking to them about their strengths, their areas to develop and why they wanted to be young helpers. By the end of the weekend, all the new Young Helpers had been placed on weeks of the summer appropriate to their needs and current level of confidence. There was just time for one more activity: a night walk and genuine mini-bonfire (despite the rain!) before the kids headed back the next morning.

Our thanks go to the amazing coordinator duo - Helen Scott and Lydia Smith, for running such a fantastic Young Helper Project: and good luck to all our new Young Helpers, who all showed such amazing potential!



### A word from our alumni

#### **"Favourite memory from Campus?"**

"Too many to recall. I just enjoyed all the time I was there."

"Ghost hunts in Shropshire."

"The excitement on the face of a 12 year old boy when he sees a squirrel for the first time."

"Laughing."

For more, see [www.campus holidays.org.uk/alumni](http://www.campus holidays.org.uk/alumni)

### Campus Calendar

Summer preparations are well underway with a site, coordinators for each week, and referrals opened.

We also have several Fundraising sponsored events taking place in the next few months (see more details on p.4!):

**Summer Countdown: 2 months until project!**

### Fundraising Events

In the run up to our summer projects, many members of the EC—and other people in Campus—have been busy raising money. The Krispy Kreme doughnut sale was a huge success, and has encouraged the organisation of the next event—a ceilidh in mid-June, more info to follow!

Our volunteers have also been busy undertaking sponsored events. Last week, Andrew Westripp, completed the Leeds Half Marathon in under 2 hours and raised £283. This week, Declan Rickerby, who previously attended Campus as a child and Young Helper, will be completing a two-day sponsored silence. If you are interested in fundraising for Campus, we'd love to hear from you!

### 50th anniversary

Campus turns 50 next year—which is truly an achievement of the support of volunteers and donors who have kept us running for so long. In preparation for this momentous anniversary, a committee, led by Emily, has been set up.



We hope to have a push on fundraising during the year, as well as many social occasions for current Campus members and alumni. Based on the 40th anniversary, we are also intending to create a book of '50 Campus stories.' Most of these will be current stories, but we also collecting some older 'folklore' from the alumni of Campus. If anyone has a story that they would like to contribute, please get in touch (see website)!

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