

# guildofstudents

## The Autism Play Project (TAPP)

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## Volunteer

### Role Description

**Responsible to:** Initially to the TAPP Committee. They will be supported by the Volunteer Group Co-ordinator and the Volunteering Activities Co-ordinator.

**Outline of Role:** Volunteers are central to TAPP. Volunteers are required to attend weekly Saturday morning sessions, between 10:45am and 1:15pm, to set up, supervise and interact with the children at the play scheme, and pack away.

**WHAT THE GROUP DOES:** TAPP runs a weekly play scheme during term time for autistic children. It gives the children a chance to play and be themselves in a relaxed atmosphere, with lots of toys, equipment and arts and crafts. It also allows the parents to have some respite. Our sessions run on Saturday mornings, 11am – 1pm.

### GENERAL DUTIES:

#### Before volunteering with TAPP:

- You will need to fill out an application form
- You will then have an interview with current committee members
- You will need to complete a DBS check and child safeguarding training at the Guild

#### As a volunteer with TAPP:

- Attend as many sessions as possible each semester (there will be one every Saturday morning) - this is a necessity to build relationships between volunteers and children
- Arrive at sessions at 10:45am to set up the toys and equipment, ready to start at 11am
- Throughout the two-hour session volunteers are required to supervise and play with the children, whilst encouraging their social skills

### PERSON SPECIFICATION:

#### Volunteers must:

- Have experience of working with people, preferably with children (but this is not essential). We expect a good attitude towards autism, and a desire to learn about it.
- Be committed to the group and the reasoning behind it, by attending sessions regularly and helping the children develop their social skills.
- Be friendly and approachable. Autism is a condition that requires a friendly, patient and flexible approach.

### WHAT YOU COULD GAIN:

- Enhance your communication and team-working skills. Boost your CV with volunteer work.
- Opportunity to progress to the TAPP committee which manages the group.
- Gain points towards the Personal Skills Award (PSA) through volunteering and committee work. See <https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/employability/psa/index.aspx>
- Alongside this, TAPP is a very social group – it's an opportunity to meet people whilst giving something back to the community.

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