

JOB TITLE YOUTH COORDINATOR

MIDLANDS & EAST OF ENGLAND



DIABETES UK
KNOW DIABETES. FIGHT DIABETES.

WELLNESS WALK
THAMES PATH

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FROM CHAMPION. FIGHT TOGETHER.

WHO WE ARE

We are Diabetes UK and it's our mission to tackle diabetes, day in and day out, until it can do no harm. One in five adults in the UK are living with diabetes or prediabetes, and we're determined to change that. Join us and together we can change the future of diabetes.

For the last 90 years, we've been behind vital policy changes, as well as new treatments and technologies to make living with diabetes easier every day. But there's more to do.

We're committed to preventing diabetes where possible, improving daily life for those living with it, and ultimately finding a cure. We're also focused on tackling stigma and reducing inequalities faced by people at risk or living with diabetes.

We've got some really ambitious goals over the next few years and we're looking for people who share our ambition to help us stop the harm diabetes causes.

We can't do any of this without you.

Our 2026 -2030 strategy commits us to 3 ambitious outcomes: Prevention and Cure, Everyone included and Living Well with Diabetes. To read more about our strategy please click here [DUK-Strategy-2026-2030-compressed.pdf](#)

At Diabetes UK, we live and breathe our values:

We put people first – We recognise that people are individuals with different preferences, circumstances and needs. We collaborate with others, listen carefully and keep commitments.

We make change happen – We are ambitious to drive change with and for people living with diabetes. We challenge constructively if needed.

We're driven to know more – We find ways to share knowledge and insights with colleagues and take advantage of learning opportunities across the charity.

We keep things simple – Diabetes is complicated enough.

If these values resonate with you, we'd love to hear from you.



Colette Marshall

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Chief Executive

JOB DESCRIPTION

Role title: Youth Coordinator

Contract type: Permanent

Hours: 35

Location: Midlands & East

Salary: £30,804 - £34,227

Role reports to: Engaging Communities and Volunteering Manager

Key relationships (internal and external):

Internal: Midlands & East team, UK Together Type 1 programme team, National and Regional teams, Type 1 services teams, Safeguarding team, Communities and Volunteering team.

External: children, young people and families affected by type 1 diabetes, healthcare professions, partner organisations, evaluation contractors, youth providers.

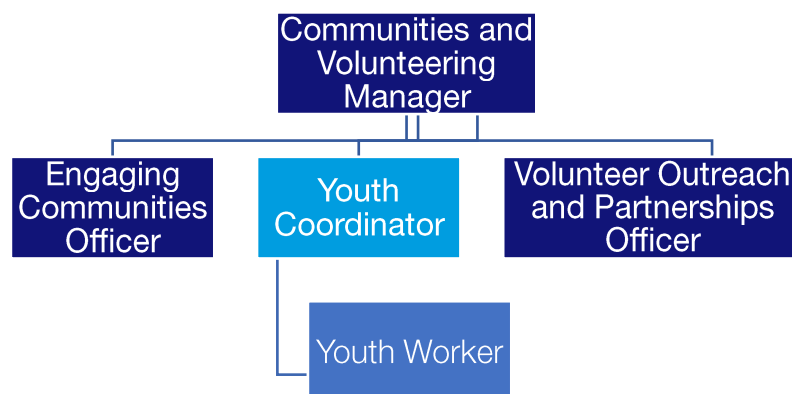
Key focus of the role:

Together Type 1 is a UK-wide youth programme delivering a range of support for children and young people aged 11 – 25 living with type 1 diabetes. As Youth Coordinator, you will develop and oversee a varied and stimulating programme of support and engagement to reach and empower a community of young people to build their skills and make change happen. This programme of activity will extend our reach further into communities and boost the confidence of young people affected by type 1 diabetes to live well and access better care.

Directorate and Team

This role sits in the [Midlands and East of England Team](#) in the [Services, Communities and Improvement Directorate](#)

Department



Key tasks and responsibilities

Lead on planning and project management of community-based initiatives for children and young people living with type 1 diabetes, amplifying their voice and developing opportunities to extend reach and engagement.

Set plans and targets that deliver against the overall aims of the UK-wide programme and that are relevant for young people living within the Midlands and East of England region.

Be responsible for providing high-quality feedback and reporting to the programme, gathering data and insight to inform our work and sharing learning and good practice across teams.

Implement Diabetes UK policies and procedures around risk management and safeguarding, ensuring staff and participants are kept safe, legal and healthy.

Recruit, induct and develop a network of Young Leader volunteers to shape and deliver planned initiatives.

Work alongside healthcare professionals to involve children and young people's voices and influence change within the healthcare system.

Line manage a Youth Worker, providing the support and oversight for them to excel in their role.

Collaborate across teams to share best practice, insights and ensure close links between youth-focused programme activity and the wider regional team plans.

Person specification

Guidance for managers: Please include 4-6 bullets per section. Put an 'X' under 'essential' or 'desirable' for each criteria. Put an 'X' under 'application', 'interview' or both to share where the criteria is being assessed.

	Criteria:		Assessed via:	
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Experience				
Working to involve and engage children and young people, creating activities and opportunities which boost confidence, empower, reduce isolation and improve outcomes.	x		x	x
Project management, including leading the development and delivery of community-based events and activities to engage children and young people.				
Being responsible for providing feedback, reports and gathering insights which inform a programme of work, sharing learning and good practice across teams.				
Knowledge				
The principles of youth work and volunteer management.	x		x	x
Project management.				
Setting and managing priorities.				
Working with external stakeholders.				
People management.				
Budget management				
Skills				
Youth work, engaging children and young people.	x			x
Inequalities faced by children, young people and families across the UK and regionally.				
Reporting on outcomes and deliverables to a range of groups.				
Event management and delivery.				
Qualifications/Professional membership (if applicable)				
A full driving licence would be desirable, as the role involves significant travel, but is not compulsory.		x		x

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E – Essential D – Desirable A – Assessed at Application I – Assessed at Interview

If you don't meet all the criteria listed but meet most and have transferable skills with a passion for our mission, you are still welcome to apply for this role.

If you are invited to attend an interview in person, we will reimburse reasonable travel costs excluding hotel or overnight stays.

Behaviours

For candidates

All employees are expected to abide by our values and behaviours framework which can be found here [Combined general and people managers framework](#). Below are a set of behaviours that you will be expected to demonstrate in your application form and that will also be explored during your interview.

We keep things simple

- Use clear, accessible language, avoiding jargon unless it's relevant to your audience.
- Think about what visual elements that would be most appropriate and clearer than words. Consider the message you're trying to communicate and the audience you're speaking to.

We Make change happen

- Speak confidently about the impact we've made and our ambitions for the future.
- Develop your skills in trying new or creative approaches by attending training events on creativity and innovation

We're Driven to know more

- Proactively look to learn more and share your new knowledge and insights with colleagues.
- One way to be open to questions from others is to assume positive intent on their part.

We put people first

- Recognise that people are individuals with different preferences, circumstances and needs.

- Making **realistic commitments** to others involves prioritising and managing your time effectively