

AGES 18–24 · SEND SUPPORT · SOUTH LONDON

Make a difference. Build a career.

Join VISTA's volunteer programme supporting young people and adults with SEND. Complete just 12 hours and unlock our fast-track employment pathway.

YOUR JOURNEY WITH VISTA

01

Apply & Get Started

Simple application, informal chat, DBS check arranged. No qualifications needed.

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Volunteer — 12 Hours

Support sports, Empower Respite, creative activities and community events.

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Fast Track to Employment

Certificate, personal reference, and direct access to job opportunities at VISTA and beyond.

WHAT YOU'LL DO

■ Sports Session Support

Assist coaches delivering football and multi-sport to people with SEND. Build coaching and communication skills.

■ Creative Activities & Arts

Support drama, photography and multimedia sessions through Vista Creative Arts Academy.

■ Mentoring & 1-to-1

Under supervision, provide informal mentoring and genuine 1-to-1 support for young people.

■ Empower Respite Support

Help young adults 18–25 enjoy social activities, build confidence, and develop independence.

■ Community Outreach Events

Join Turn Up & Play pop-up hubs — helping set up, run activities and engage the community.

■ Programme Administration

Support scheduling, records and comms — learning how a professional organisation runs.

12 Hours That Change Everything

1h	2h	3h	4h	5h	6h	7h	8h	9h	10h	11h	12★
■ Apply & Induction Week 1 Application, DBS check (funded by VISTA), and induction covering safeguarding and SEND awareness.											
■ Start Volunteering Ongoing Join sessions alongside experienced VISTA staff. Always supervised, supported, and guided throughout.											
■ 6-Hour Review Midpoint Informal check-in to celebrate progress, identify strengths, and plan the second half of your journey.											
■ 12 Hours — Fast Track Opens ★ Milestone Receive your VISTA Volunteer Certificate and personal reference. Employment pathway unlocked.											
■ Employment Pathway Fast Track Job coaching, CV support, interview prep, and real job opportunities with VISTA and partners.											

WHAT YOU GAIN

■ Volunteer Certificate Official VISTA certificate recognised by employers across health, care, sport and education.	➤ ■ Personal Reference Written reference from your supervisor — one of the most valuable things when applying for work.	■ SEND Training SEND awareness and safeguarding induction — skills in high demand across multiple sectors.
■ Fast Track Employment Direct access to job coaching, CV building, interview prep and real employment opportunities.	■ ■ DBS Check (Free) VISTA arranges and funds your Enhanced DBS — unlocking employment across health, care and education.	♥ ■ Real Responsibility Treated as a genuine team member from day one. Real work, real relationships, real impact.

EMPLOYMENT FAST TRACK

■ CV & Application Support

We'll help you build a CV reflecting your VISTA experience, SEND knowledge, safeguarding training and the practical skills employers want to see.

■ Interview Coaching

Preparation sessions to present yourself confidently — including how to talk about your volunteer experience and transferable skills.

■ Internal Job Opportunities

Volunteers who complete the pathway are considered first for paid roles within VISTA — coaching support, community outreach, and Empower facilitation.

■ Partner Network Introductions

VISTA's relationships with local authorities, schools, and healthcare providers create a genuine employment network — with direct introductions on your behalf.

ROLES VOLUNTEERS HAVE GONE ON TO:

Sports Coach / Assistant

Youth & community sport

Support Worker

SEND / social care

Learning Support Assistant

Schools & education

Community Outreach Worker

Local authority & third sector

WHO WE'RE LOOKING FOR

You Don't Need Experience — Just Heart

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| ✓ Aged 18–24 and based in or around South London | ✓ Genuinely interested in supporting young people and adults with SEND |
| ✓ Reliable, committed, and able to complete 12 hours flexibly | ✓ Looking to build real skills in sport, care, or community work |
| ✓ Willing to undertake an Enhanced DBS (arranged & funded by VISTA) | ✓ No formal qualifications required — attitude and empathy valued above all |

HOW TO APPLY — 4 SIMPLE STEPS

01

Express Interest

Fill in our short form or contact VISTA Community Outreach directly. Takes

02

Informal Chat

A relaxed, no-pressure conversation with our team — no formal interview,

03

DBS & Induction

VISTA arranges your free Enhanced DBS check, followed by a

04

Start Volunteering

Join your first session — supported and welcomed as part of the VISTA

Your 12 hours start now. Get in touch with VISTA Community Outreach today.

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