



## Project 17

Unit 1.3 Resource for London

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### Volunteer role description:

**We are looking for a volunteer to join our team, supporting families facing destitution with no recourse to public funds (NRPF). The volunteer will support our work by undertaking a range of tasks to support the team.**

The volunteer will have the opportunity to work closely with our advisers and policy officer to support families with no recourse to public funds experiencing homelessness and severe poverty. It is a great opportunity to develop skills and gain experience in the migrants' rights sector. We will offer free training and a full induction, and the volunteer will develop specialist knowledge in relation supporting destitute families and become familiar with a range of support options.

### **About Project 17**

Project 17 is an organisation working to end destitution among migrant children. It works with families experiencing exceptional poverty to improve their access to local authority support.

We believe that all children have the right to a home and enough to eat, regardless of their parents' immigration status. To achieve our vision, we provide advice, advocacy and support for individuals. We build capacity in other organisations and we campaign for the improved implementation of statutory support.

Project 17 works towards ensuring that local authorities comply with the duties imposed on them by Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in need. Section 17 enables local councils to provide accommodation and financial support to avoid children being taken into the care of the local authority.

This duty exists even if the family has no right to work, no access to welfare benefits and social housing and no leave to remain in the UK. Project 17 exists to ensure that individuals eligible for support under Section 17 are able to access it effectively.

### **Role description**

We are looking for a volunteer to do the following:

1. Make applications for hardship grants for families

2. Work with advisers to keep case files organised
3. Supporting families by making referrals to external organisations
4. Analysing data from training feedback
5. Making Freedom of Information requests to support our policy work
6. Keeping destitution resources in full supply
7. Getting feedback on client experiences
8. Other duties to support the work of Project 17

### **What we are looking for**

You do not need to have particular specialist knowledge as training will be provided. However, we are looking for:

- Good written and oral communication skills
- An understanding of the issues facing our clients
- The ability to work well in a team
- The ability to work with limited supervision
- Excellent administrative and IT skills
- A commitment to Project 17's values and ethos
- A commitment to equal opportunities

### **Time commitment**

We are looking for a volunteer for 1 day per week, working from our office in Holloway Road. We would like a commitment of 6 months from our volunteers.

### **What we can offer**

As well as being part of a friendly and supportive small team we can offer the following:

- A comprehensive induction
- Supervision and support
- Relevant training

### **Expenses**

We will reimburse you for out of pocket travel expenses (up to £10 per day) and lunch expenses (up to £5 per day).

### **Procedure**

Please email your CV and a covering letter explaining your relevant experience and how you meet each of the points mentioned in 'what we are looking for' to [abi.brunswick@project17.org.uk](mailto:abi.brunswick@project17.org.uk) by 5pm on 30 June 2017.