German YMCA

The German YMCA in London was founded in 1860. As a Christian movement, the association promotes respect and freedom, tolerance and understanding and welcomes people regardless of gender, age, religion, or ethnic origin.

In its central location, near Lancaster Gate on the north side of Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens, the German YMCA offers a wide range of cultural and leisure activities, advice, support and help for the German-speaking community, their international friends, and the local church.

Tasks at the German YMCA include:

- Organising and leading a weekly German baby and toddler group, engaging in playtime with the children, and leading singing German nursery rhymes together.

- Hosting a weekly tea afternoon for elderly individuals, enjoying conversations with them, and assisting with entertainment, such as music and films.

- Assisting in the planning and coordination of outings and cultural events for German YMCA members.

- Supporting our German language and culture programme with English pupils in German A-Level courses (16 to 18-year-olds).

- Supporting our social media efforts by taking photos, writing stories, and creating posts.

- Assisting with the planning of annual events such as the Oktoberfest, the Christmas Market, and the Lantern Walk. Some of the events may take place in the evenings.

What is expected from a volunteer:

- An openness to work with people from a variety of backgrounds

- An interest in the issues that affect people with disabilities and mobility issues

- Willingness to share their own culture and share in learning about other peoples'

- Have good listening and communication skills

- Have a good level of spoken English and the ability to learn

- Ability to work both independently and as a part of team

- Good computers skills

- An interest in working with children and young people as well as older people

- Willingness to work with individuals or small groups of children

- An interest in culture, sports, arts, and outdoor activities

- A fun and outgoing nature