Volunteering for Mosaic at a Residential Weekend

Having volunteered at the Residential Weekend, I have seen first-hand the incredible support Mosaic offers bereaved children.

I found the afternoon's Q&A session with a GP very difficult as the younger children asked questions including, "can you catch cancer?", "when do you die?", "does it hurt to die?". It was a peaceful but emotional time.

Later we held a candle ceremony to remember our own special person who had died. Many tears were shed, but despite the sadness, it brought the group closer together.

I am so proud to support Mosaic and be part of the volunteer team.

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Mosaic is a registered charity offering a pathway of support for bereaved children, young people and their families in Dorset.

- Individual support for children and young people
- Family group support
- Residential Weekend Programme
- Social Events
- Training for volunteers and professionals

Mosaic aims to:

✓ Improve communication within the family giving them a greater understanding of how to support each other in their grief and so reduce the isolation so often felt during bereavement

✓ Improve the self-confidence of the young person and their ability to have fun without guilt or anxiety

✓ Understand and manage difficult emotions and communicate their needs

✓ Attain academic achievement that is appropriate for their age and ability

✓ Establish a greater social network of supportive peers

✓ Provide the opportunity to meet others and share their experiences making them feel supported

✓ Offer training to schools and other professionals who support children and young people

Our Volunteers

We would not be able to offer the support to bereaved children and young people without our team of dedicated volunteers.

We have volunteers who:

✓ **Support the children and young people at our Residential Weekends**

25 children and young people come to our weekends which are held at Leeson House, Swanage. The weekend gives children and young people the opportunity to meet others, share their experiences, remember their special person and most importantly 'HAVE FUN'. The volunteers who help at the weekends, attend our in-house and safeguarding training.

✓ **Help at fundraising events**

We have a team of volunteers who sell items and raise awareness of the charity at craft fairs, help at our own fundraising events and organise events themselves.

✓ **Help in the office**

An extra pair of hands in the office is always welcome. Sending out newsletters, checking and organising resources for the weekends etc. are just some of the ways you can help.

All our volunteers have DBS (Disclosure & Barring Checks) before working with the families.

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Would you like to find out more?

If you have time to spare – from an hour to a weekend – you can help!

When you contact us, you will be asked to complete a short application form and be invited to attend an interview so we can meet you.

Our friendly staff will talk about ways you can help and what area of volunteering you would like to do. Some of our volunteers help in more than one way, so there are many opportunities.

Everyone at Mosaic is part of a team – we all work together to provide the best support for the children and young people we work with.

and young people throughout Dorset.