



Mountaineering Ireland Volunteer Role Description for Mountaineering Ireland Youth Development Programme

Thank you for volunteering some of your time, skills and energy to assist in the youth development aims of Mountaineering Ireland. A copy of the most recent development plan including the MI youth strategy can be found at www.mountaineering.ie or by contacting the Youth Development Co-Ordinator.

The scope of volunteering as part of Mountaineering Ireland's youth work covers a broad range of physical environments and young people (e.g. judging under 12's at a bouldering competition, taking two teenage students out on a multi-pitch route at Fairhead or supervising a campsite in the Alps). The role description below is a general one, more specific details will be described and agreed on a programme by programme basis with the lead person – usually Anne Kane the Youth Development Co-Ordinator or Damien O'Sullivan the Talent Development Officer.

As a Mountaineering Ireland volunteer we would like you to:

- Contribute to the goals and objectives of the Youth Development Plan
- Enjoy providing a safe, fun environment for young people to participate in a variety of mountaineering activities.
- Operate within your own degree of technical and physical limits with regard to your own safety and that of the young people in your care.
- Make yourself familiar with the Mountaineering Ireland's children's policy and in particular the good practice guidelines and the relevant CPSU briefing papers including 'Physical contact and young people in sport'.
- Comply with other Mountaineering Ireland policies and procedures: Disciplinary; Complaints; Environmental.
- Be encouraged to provide feedback on your role as a volunteer to Youth Development Officer or the Mountaineering Ireland Chief Officer.
- Ask sufficient questions to become comfortable in whatever working environment you find yourself in. e.g. How much supervision?, What medical conditions?, What time are they getting picked up?, Who's in charge?, What happens in an emergency?
- Say 'No' whenever you feel you have volunteered enough.
- Not be out of pocket from monies you spend whilst working as a Mountaineering Ireland volunteer.

Mountaineering Ireland will strive to:

- Provide you with sufficient resources to allow you to complete the task (including equipment and relevant paper work).
- Agree with you times and dates far enough in advance to allow you to plan your commitments.
- Notify you of any changes as soon as we can.
- Reimburse you for agreed expenses you may incur.
- Give you sufficient guidance and direction to allow you to operate as well as you can.
- Assist and support you in gaining further qualifications, training or experience, so that you can develop in your role as a volunteer.

Below is a description of the roles you are likely to have as a Mountaineering Ireland Instructor Or Assistant Instructor (whether voluntary or paid) within the Mountaineering Ireland Youth Development Programme.

- To have responsibility for the facilitation of activity sessions for children and young people.
- To ensure that consent forms, medical declarations and attendance registers are completed.
- To supervise children from drop off to pick up by their parents and guardians.
- To undertake first aid training and administer first aid when necessary.
- To supervise and instruct on multi-day programmes involving a residential or camping element.
- In the event of illness or accident, to provide emergency transport to hospital/home.
- To encourage young people to interact with each other positively and to promote appropriate competition between them.
- To promote and adhere to the Mountaineering Ireland Children's Policy.
- To undertake child protection training.