**NETWORK RAIL AMBASSADOR DESCRIPTION**

**Volunteer Title:** Network Rail Ambassadors (voluntary position)

**Volunteer Purpose:**

This is an exciting opportunity for young people aged 14-21 to be part of a national panel with the potential to improve the life of every single person in Scotland. The Ambassadors will undertake a 12-month peer education programme. They will be supported to come up with ideas for bringing about future cultural change. There will be opportunities to advise important decision-makers within Network Rail on what should happen to try and inform young people and Scotland.

The Ambassadors will:

* Explore the issues facing young people in relation to safety on the railways.
* Gather the views of a cross-section of society and stimulate debate on Scotland’s railways.
* Develop new and innovative ideas and approaches to educate young people on safety on the railways and the new EGIP links.
* No formal qualifications or work experience are required for this role. Training and learning opportunities to support Ambassadors to deliver the above responsibilities will be provided.

**Key Responsibilities:**

You will be one of a team of 30 Rail Ambassadors throughout Scotland. The team will be supported to contribute to the following:

* Analysis of existing intelligence relating to the EGIP programme and what influences young people’s behaviour on the railways.
* Developing, delivering peer education in local Primary and Secondary schools, in the form of information days and assemblies, surveys/questionnaires and group interviews/focus groups
* Gathering evidence from the general public
* Research and investigation of innovative approaches for bringing about change in young people’s attitude towards safety
* Developing and promoting national materials for schools.
* Profiling the work of the Ambassadors on Young Scot’s websites and social networking spaces and Network Rail websites.
* A national discussion day to present the Ambassadors findings

**PERSON SPECIFICATION**

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| **General** | * Young people from a wide range of backgrounds are encouraged to be involved in the Ambassadors programme
* Aged 14-21 when you begin involvement with the Youth Ambassadors.
* Able to fulfil a 12-month commitment
* Be willing to travel to meetings/events across Scotland – attending two training days (at the beginning and end of the work), one major discussion day.
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| **Experience** | * No formal experience is required, but if you have any experience that you think is relevant then please tell us about it in the application form.
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| **Skills/Abilities/Knowledge** | * Able to work well in a team as well as on your own
* Be a good communicator, in your own style
* A willingness to get to grips with complex information
* Have an interest in and want to investigate what young people and adults think are priorities for change in relation to safety within Scotland, particularly relating to young people.
* Able to take on board the views of others and be sensitive towards the experiences of others
* Able to respect other group members and be able to work with others in a way that doesn’t judge or discriminate
* Have good ideas/develop innovative approaches
* Able to meet deadlines
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