

3. What can the volunteer expect of the Active Schools Programme?

3.1 Volunteer Training

Where appropriate, training will be offered to all volunteers, as close to the commencement of their placement as possible and will be related to the types of activity programmes they will be involved with. On completion of this training, volunteers will receive certification noting their achievement.

Typical training that will be offered includes:

- Playground Games
- National Governing Body training – coaching qualifications
- Child Protection
- Disability Awareness Training
- First Aid

If the volunteer feels that training of a specific nature would be beneficial or if an update of a previous training session is required, the volunteer should approach the Active Schools Coordinator with a request.

3.2 Support from the Active Schools Coordinator

Although volunteers are expected to be able to work without continual assistance from the Active Schools Coordinator, the Active Schools Coordinator will disseminate information and provide a forum for discussing volunteer issues at regular face-to-face meetings and or through telephone contact. The Active Schools Coordinator will agree with the volunteer how and how often contact should be made when volunteering with Active Schools.

Volunteer training will be reviewed on a six-monthly basis; however volunteers should approach the Active Schools Coordinator should they have any matters of concern at any time. The six-month review will give the Active Schools Coordinator & volunteer time to review the placement and assess if any changes are required.

Opportunities may arise where other local volunteers can come together and this will allow time to share one another's experiences and advice.

The Active Schools programme believes strongly in teamwork and believes that the ideas and opinions of the volunteers are vital to the project's development and success.