



Being a Hope UK JCS Volunteer

About Hope UK and JCS:

Hope UK is a National Christian Drug Education and Prevention Charity. We aim to equip young people to make drug-free choices.

JCS is the Junior Citizenship Scheme. Every year various areas put this on for year 6 pupils. Schools bring their classes to a central venue, where the children (age 10-11) visit various organisations to learn about personal safety.

Pupils will meet the police, fire service, school nurses, RNLI and others – spending between 10 and 15 minutes in each area. Hope UK provides one of these short presentations to help pupils think about what a drug is and teach them some key details to help them keep safe.

Who we are looking for:

We are looking for Christians from local churches who will help us deliver this project.

You would need to be:

- A Christian
- Suitable to work with children and young people
- Free during a weekday (or someone who is given time off by their employer for volunteering)
- Happy to learn new skills

It would also help you if you had some kind of experience in presenting, teaching or leading groupwork of some kind. (This isn't essential.)

What does the work look like?

The day starts with a school arriving and going to a central area to be briefed. The pupils are then split up into groups (usually between 10 and 15 children). You take one group to the room or area you are working in. The group has a teacher with them.

You give your presentation and, when told, your group moves on to the next area/room and a new group joins you. Usually, you see between 5 and 6 groups in the morning. They then leave, there is a break, a new school arrives and the whole thing repeats in the afternoon.



What help will I get to do this?

You will start with a training day to teach you all you need to know, and give you a chance to practice.

Then on the day or days you are booked to help, an experienced staff member or volunteer will work with you to help you. In some places, once you feel happy, you can then work by yourself if you prefer.

All the resources you need will be provided for you, and we will cover all your expenses.

We will also provide you with feedback and, of course, pray for you!

What do I do now?

If you are interested in this, please fill in the application form and return it to us.

As you will be volunteering to work with children and young people, we will need to take references and do a criminal record check (DBS check).

Once we have received your application, someone will be in touch with you to chat about what happens next and we will also keep you informed about dates for training.

Thank you!