



Volunteer Role Description

DESCRIPTION

As a Reading Buddy or Maths Buddy you will help a child to develop their skills and confidence through one-to-one mentoring sessions. These take place in the child's school during the term, usually in the mornings.

Reading Buddies will engage in paired reading with students between the ages of 8 and 14, offering support and encouragement when required.

Maths Buddies will work on very basic maths skills with students between the ages of 7 and 9, including reading numbers, addition, subtraction, and basic multiplication and division.

TIME COMMITMENT

2 hours per week for 7 or 8 weeks during the school term (14–16 hours in total), plus 1–3 hours of training and a short briefing session at the school in advance of the project starting.

Start dates can vary from school to school, but will usually be in late September or early October.

TRAINING

Full training is provided to all volunteers.

Reading Buddies will complete online training, followed by a short briefing session in the school the week before the programme commences.

Maths Buddies will complete a 2-hour, in-person training session, followed by a short briefing session in the school the week before the programme commences.

GARDA VETTING

All volunteers must download Garda vetting instructions [here](#) and return the form to Suas.

BENEFITS

You will gain valuable mentorship experience in the education sector, working with children between the ages of 7 and 14.

You will contribute to local communities in need of support, making a real difference in a child's life and education.

You will become part of a group of passionate, committed volunteers who are dedicated to changing Ireland for the better.