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[Volunteer Application Form for The Big House Mentoring Scheme](#)

Thank you for your interest in becoming a mentor with The Big House! We really appreciate the time and commitment of our volunteers and look forward to you becoming a part of The Big House Community. Before completing and submitting your form, please read the following information.

The young people who are members of The Big House have all been in or are currently in the care system. They are likely to have experienced some abandonment and rejection during their lives, as well as a lack of consistent and positive role models. We hugely appreciate that volunteers are offering their own valuable time for free but ask you to bear in mind the often hectic and inconsistent lives of our young people and how important a sense of stability and reliability is to them.

The mentoring relationships should last for 12 months. It is only in very exceptional circumstances that this relationship should have to come to a premature end. We want to do our utmost to ensure that our young people have unwavering support and commitment – your contribution can and will make a big difference. Please think carefully before applying to join the mentoring programme.

The information that you provide in this application form will enable us to assess how you fit the profile of a mentor and will also potentially help us to match you with a young person. Short interviews will be held with successful candidates and enhanced DBS (previously known as CRB) checks will be undertaken to ensure our young people's safety and security. There will also be a mentor training day which all prospective mentors will be invited to.

The information that you provide on this form will be used solely for the purposes of The Big House Mentoring Scheme and will be handled and stored in accordance with GDPR.

Please fill in all sections completely – you can type directly on to the form or print and write clearly in black ink. Please sign and date the declaration at the end of the form – if submitting the form electronically then a typed name is fine.

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The Mentoring Role

Why are you interested in becoming a mentor for a care leaver at The Big House?
What does mentoring mean to you and why do you think having a mentor could be beneficial to a young person?
Unfortunately due to lack of funds, The Big House is unable to cover volunteer expenses – please indicate that you have understood this and you are still interested in volunteering with us and covering these costs yourselves: <i>(Visits are intended to be local and inexpensive so hopefully this should not prove a barrier)</i>
Are you able to commit to at least <u>one year</u> of mentoring, which will include fortnightly visits to a young person (often on weekends and evenings) for 1-2 hours?

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Hobbies and Interests

Please tell us a bit about your hobbies and interests:

Personal Information

Title: (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other)	
Full name:	
Date of birth:	
Home address:	
E-mail :	
Mobile telephone number:	
Home telephone number:	
Nationality:	
Languages spoken:	
How did you hear about The Big House Theatre Company?	

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References

Please give details of two people who are willing to act as referees for you. One should be your current or most recent employer and the second may be a friend or other acquaintance who has known you for at least three years.

Name:	
Position:	
How long have you known this individual?	
In what capacity have you known this referee?	
Address:	
E-mail address:	
Telephone number:	

Name:	
Position:	
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Disclosure of Criminal Convictions – Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

The appointment of any volunteer who may have contact with or access to children or vulnerable adults will be subject to the receipt of a satisfactory disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service. The presence of a criminal record will not necessarily prevent involvement with The Big House. However, if you do have a criminal record, please submit details concerning this on a separate page, which has your name on it and includes the date of the offence and the charge.

Please make the following declaration, and mark the appropriate box:

I have nothing to declare

I have information to declare and I have submitted details

Declaration

I understand that any offer of a volunteer position will be subject to the information on this application form being complete and correct. I authorise The Big House to make any appropriate checks that may be necessary in relation to the role I have applied for. False information, or a failure to supply the details required in this application form, could make an offer of a volunteer position invalid or lead to termination of the volunteer position.

I agree that during the course of my volunteering with The Big House, and at all times thereafter, I will keep confidential all information, however obtained, concerning the young people, business, trade secrets, personnel, supporters, or beneficiaries of The Big House or of any of its subsidiary or associated companies. I will not disclose any such information to any other party without The Big House's prior written consent. Furthermore, I agree that I will not use any such information for my own purposes or for the purposes of any third party.

I agree not to disclose to the young people I come into contact with, any information that may be inappropriate – for example my home address, financial information, extreme views relating to religion, politics or other potentially sensitive information.

Upon the termination of my volunteering, I agree that I will surrender to The Big House all documents, copies of documents, notes, and other memoranda in my possession relating to The Big House, its supporters, or any other associated individual, organisation or company.

I agree to abide by any relevant Big House policies and guidelines.

I agree that the personal data relating to me, which has been or is obtained by The Big House, including personal data given by me on this form may be held and processed either

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on computer or in manual records. It may be disclosed to authorised employees of The Big House and used by The Big House for any purpose relating to my application.

By submitting this application form, I give my permission to the storage and processing of sensitive personal information by The Big House.

Signature:	
Date:	

If you are completing this form electronically, please type your name to indicate signature. Please return your completed form to:

sara@thebighouse.uk.com

Or post it to:
Sara Williams
The Big House
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Thank you for your application and we look forward to meeting you!

For Office Use Only:

Date Form Received:	
Date of Interview:	
Comments:	

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