



Appeal for Community Mentors for the TurnAround2 programme

The Wilderness Foundation UK is a National charity based in Chelmsford and is part of a global network concerned with environmental education and experience and preservation of the world's remaining wild spaces. (www.wildernessfoundation.org.uk)

It has pioneered a programme in Mid-Essex called TurnAround (the Patrons are Lord Hanningfield and Lady Diana Kemp-Welch) which was launched in October 2007. It is a nature based programme enabling vulnerable young people from mid- Essex to make positive changes to their lives achieved by linking community mentors, wilderness therapy, skills workshops and support for employment and further education over a twelve month period. (www.turnaroundproject.org.uk). We work with particularly needy groups including young offenders, pupils excluded from school, those with substance abuse problems, chaotic home lives and literacy or numeracy problems.

The programme is unique in its structure and scope in several ways - firstly, because it lasts for a whole year, it is capable of much greater success in bringing real, sustainable, long term changes to the lives of vulnerable youth and secondly, it brings together local companies, local youth services and community volunteers working together and taking responsibility to create a better future for troubled young people in the area.

The 2009 programme is now underway and the Foundation is seeking adult community volunteers to act as mentors to the new intake of young people. Full training in mentoring techniques and child protection issues is provided and a mentoring manager is available throughout the programme to help with issues that arise. Following training, the mentors accompany the group of youth on a 9 day wilderness trail and upon return each mentor is assigned a young person to work with, meeting fortnightly during the programme. Mentors are also encouraged to attend the monthly skills workshops, which are normally held at the Danbury Outdoor Centre.

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This is an opportunity for community minded people to make a worthwhile contribution to the well being of vulnerable young people in Mid-Essex whilst participating in a rewarding and fulfilling project with an environmental theme.

Any enquiries or requests for further information should be directed to ;

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