UrbanPlan Online Mentor Role Description

About the UrbanPlan Online Mentoring Project

ULI UK’s UrbanPlan urban regeneration project for schools has been running successfully for four years reaching 4000 pupils. ULI UK want to support students interested in a career in the built environment.

ULI, in partnership with Brightside, are delivering a mentoring initiative to match enthusiastic Year 10-13 pupils with built environment industry mentors via an online platform. This project will run from w/c Monday 9th December - Monday 3rd February (with a two week Christmas break).

What do Brightside do?

Brightside create online mentoring relationships that help young people make life-changing decisions about their future. We do this by using the experience and enthusiasm of volunteer mentors across the UK to give young people confidence, information and inspiration.

Who do Brightside help?

Brightside support over 20,000 young people across the UK every year. Young people that are unlikely to have as much information, aspiration or support as others. We give our “mentees” someone to talk to about education and careers, to help them succeed.

We help our volunteer mentors too, by giving them mentor training, transferable skills, support throughout a project and experience working directly with a young person.

For further information about Brightside, please head to Brightside.org.uk

What is a mentor?

A mentor supports someone less experienced than them by sharing their own experience, helping with skills development, providing information and being a listening ear. Our mentors come from a range of backgrounds across various sectors and universities but what they all have in common is a passion for improving young people’s lives.

All our mentoring projects take place online, so mentors can volunteer from anywhere and no travel is required.

To be an UrbanPlan online mentor you must be:

- Friendly
- Approachable
- Trustworthy
- Be committed to inspiring young people
- Have a passion for promoting social change
- Have a desire to share your experiences and offer advice
- Willing to go that extra mile to be a great mentor
What is in it for mentors?

- Flexible volunteering opportunity that you can fit round other commitments
- Opportunity to develop your mentoring and communication skills
- Experience working directly with young people
- Fully supported by a member of the Brightside team throughout
- Training provided

Why online?

- Online mentoring allows us to reach as many young people as possible.
- Mentees and mentors can sign in remotely from anywhere, all they need is the internet and a device.
- There is no travel associated with the project, saving you time and us cost, this means we can focus our funding towards reaching more young people.
- Online mentoring is flexible, you can log in whenever is convenient for you.
- We can match mentees and mentors based on their interests and aspirations rather than based on location!

Because our platform was built for the purpose of connecting young people and mentors it is fully secure and safe. All messages are moderated, meaning they are checked for content to ensure the safety of both our young people and you, our mentors.

Key next steps for UrbanPlan online mentors:

- Complete our mentor sign-up form by Sunday 10th November
- Complete an enhanced DBS application by Sunday 17th November (if you do not already hold an enhanced certificate issued within the last 3 years)
- Attend a 60 min mentor training webinar w/c 25th November
- Log in to the secure mentoring platform at least once a week, responding to messages (approx. 30 minutes to 2 hours per week)
- The project will run from w/c Monday 9th December - Monday 3rd February (inclusive of two week Christmas break)