Youth Mentor/Adult Mentor Training Sessions

The training sessions, compulsory for every new mentor, last for about 2 hours and involve delving deeper into mentoring and what it means to Baytree, finding out more about our Character Education programme, and developing important (and very transferable!) skills that will prepare mentors for their role. There will be refreshments and the opportunity to ask any questions.

Youth Mentor Training Dates:
- Monday 13th August 6.30pm
- Tuesday 11th September 6.30pm

Adult Mentor Training Dates:
- Wednesday 5th September 6.30pm

Youth Mentor/Adult Mentor Refresher Sessions

This session has the dual aim of making sure all mentors are feeling capable and supported in their role and giving them the chance to get to know each other a bit better and exchange experiences and best practice. Refreshments will be provided.

Youth Mentor Refresher Dates:
- Saturday 8th September 10am - 12pm

Adult Mentor Refresher Dates:
- Saturday 8th September 1pm - 3pm

Ongoing Online Training Opportunities

Prevent Training (https://www.elearning.prevent.homeoffice.gov.uk/) provided by the government, aims to provide training in how to safeguard vulnerable people from being radicalised to supporting terrorism or becoming terrorists themselves. It will provide an important foundation on which to develop further knowledge around the risks of radicalisation and the role that you can play in supporting those at risk. It addresses all forms of terrorism and non-violent extremism, including far right wing and Islamist extremism threatening the UK.

Keep them safe (https://safeguardingchildren.vc-tms.co.uk/selfregistration.aspx?version=9679) is a free online learning tool from Pace (Parents Against Child sexual exploitation). This 20-30 minute e-learning training course a valuable source of information to: find out more about child sexual exploitation, learn the signs and indicators of when a child might be being exploited, understand the impact child sexual exploitation can have on families, and know what to do if you suspect a child might be at risk of this abuse.

FutureLearn is a massive open online course (MOOC) learning platform owned by the Open University, offering an array of free online courses from top universities and specialist organisations. There are a wealth of courses available:

- **What is Character? Virtue Ethics in Education** (https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/what-is-character) would benefit each and every one of our volunteers as Character Education is at the heart of what we do at Baytree. The course is run by the Jubilee Centre which is part of the University of Birmingham and is an interdisciplinary research centre focusing on character, virtues and values in the interest of human flourishing and is a leading informant on policy and practice in this area.

- **Girls' Education: Teaching Strategies That Develop Confidence, Resilience and Collaboration** (https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/girls-education) will be of benefit to those of you working with the girls in clubs and as mentors. It examines different aspects of pedagogy that are 'girl-friendly' and aims to offer you guidance on helping girls achieve their potential and develop character traits such as independence, resilience, collaborative working, problem solving and confidence

- **Volunteering with Refugees** (https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/volunteering-with-refugees) This course which has been developed by Cambridge Assessment English and Crisis Classroom would be very beneficial to volunteers working with the Into School girls or mentoring women on the PEARL programme as it aims to help volunteers understand how they can best support the linguistic and social needs of refugees.

All the courses on FutureLearn are advertised as running between two and four weeks and taking up approximate 4-8 hours per week (course dependent). Once you have signed up to the course you will be able to complete it at your own pace, and there is no obligation to complete it.