

Criteria for Automatic Enrolment

1: Young People whose Parent / Guardians are Volunteers

Stormont Community Engagement Project values the input of volunteers and recognises their importance in the success of their schemes.

Therefore, Children and Young People whose parents / guardians¹ are volunteering for 5 days in one week are entitled to an automatic place on the scheme.

To claim the automatic place parents / guardians must indicate on the young person's application form that they are willing to volunteer for 5 days in one week. They must also sign up to be a volunteer by the closing date for applications.

2: Young People with Additional Needs

Stormont Community Engagement Project prides itself on being an inclusive scheme, open to all regardless of their ability. We also recognise that for some young people with additional needs involvement with our schemes can have great benefit to their personal and social development.

Therefore, we have reserved a number of spaces for children with additional needs whose involvement in their scheme would greatly support and aid their growth and development.

To apply for one of these spaces parents / guardians must follow the steps below;

- 1. Apply through the normal application method for a place on the scheme.
- 2. Provide a letter to the committee outlining their child's additional needs and detailing how they feel their child's involvement in the scheme will benefit their personal and social development.
- 3. Provide a supporting statement from a professional² outlining how they feel the young person's engagement with the scheme will benefit them.

All applications and supporting documents must be provided by the closing date for applications.

A limited number of spaces are available and therefore once all applications are received and the closing date has past the committee will review all applications and make a decision on how spaces should be allocated.

If you have any questions about either option for automatic enrolment or would like more information then please contact us via email, Stormontcommunity@gmail.com

¹ Must be over 18

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² Professional could be a youth worker, teacher, classroom assistant, medical professional or someone who knows the child / young person in a professional capacity and can comment on how their involvement will support the young person's development. This cannot be a family member or close family friend.