

An exciting opportunity has opened for a Mentor at the Self Managed Learning (SML) Hub Liverpool – a chance to help shape a pioneering learning community in the North of England.

We are building something truly different: a person-centred, Self Managed Learning environment rooted in trust, autonomy, and meaningful relationships.

**This is a unique opportunity for someone who wants to join us in co-creating this space from the ground up.**

**Start Date:** 15th September 2026

**End Date:** 18th December 2026

**Contract:** 13-week contract, with a view to continue from January 2027.

- Do you believe that every young person should be free to explore their own path in a safe, inclusive environment?
- Do you think learning should be joyful, relevant, and led by curiosity, not imposed from above?
- Do you want to be part of reimagining what education can be?

We're looking for a self-employed mentor to join our small team, supporting young people aged 11–15 who are managing their own learning journeys, with no set curriculum, no classrooms, and no rigid timetables.

This is not a teaching role – it's about mentoring, co-creating learning experiences, and walking alongside young people as they discover what matters to them.

### **Details**

- You must be Self employed
- £15 per hour
- Minimum 11 hours per week
- Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:00am – 3pm (Occasional additional hours for meetings may be required)
- Based in Waterloo, Liverpool
- Hold a 12-hour Pediatric First Aid Certificate (or are willing to gain one)
- Hold a valid DBS (or are willing to gain one)

## **Person Specification**

You do not need to be a qualified teacher to apply. First and foremost, we're looking for someone who is genuinely passionate and curious about:

- Self Managed Learning
- Learning communities
- Democratic education

We welcome applicants from a range of backgrounds and life experiences and are committed to reflecting the diversity of our wider community.

## **Essential qualities and experience**

We're looking for someone with experience in supporting learning, wellbeing or personal development - for example in education, youth work, mental health, or community settings.

You should:

- Enjoy working with young people aged 11–15
- Have strong, practical experience (not necessarily formal qualifications)
- Be an empathetic, active listener who supports emotional literacy
- Be collaborative, reflective, and open to learning from both successes and setbacks
- Be reliable, punctual, and capable of self management
- Be emotionally mature, authentic, and able to navigate differences respectfully
- Have your own passions or skills you'd love to share – from music, art, maths or science to crafts, the outdoors, drama, gaming or beyond
- Be curious and flexible – willing to explore learning alongside young people, even in areas you're not an expert in
- Be proactive and resourceful in helping young people explore opportunities within the wider community

It would be helpful (but not required) if you:

- Have experience or openness to alternative/non-traditional education settings
- Have supported learners in developing study skills or accessing work experience
- Have experience running or helping run an alternative education setting

If you're excited about empowering young people, supporting authentic learning, and co-creating a new kind of educational space – we'd love to hear from you.

Contact us by sending your CV and cover letter to: [SMLHub@outlook.com](mailto:SMLHub@outlook.com)