

# **LYNTON & BARNSTAPLE RAILWAY**

## **YOUNG VOLUNTEERS - CODE OF SAFE PRACTICE**

1. Young Volunteer is defined as any person working on the railway under the age of 18.
2. Young Volunteers must not work for more than 8 (eight) hours in any 24 hour period, or more than 35 (thirty-five) hours in any 7 day period.
3. Work undertaken by volunteers under the age of 16 may only be conducted under the close supervision of a Designated Responsible Person and/or a Parent/Guardian.
4. Young Volunteers under the age of 13 must be supervised at all times by a Parent/Guardian.
5. Young Volunteers must be rostered to do such work and be in possession of (and carry on them) a valid Volunteer Identity Card.
6. Volunteers who work must sign on at the beginning of each duty in the appointed place and sign off at the end of each duty.
7. Young Volunteers are not allowed to operate heavy machinery, machine or high-powered tools.
8. No volunteer should carry out any work that they, or their supervisor, consider beyond their physical, mental or developmental ability. If there is any doubt, or any safety related concern, STOP.
9. All volunteers should attend suitably dressed for the job they are to undertake: jeans/shorts/T shirt are not suitable for catering outlets and males should wear a tie - as with other Uniformed jobs; for lineside/loco work, old clothes, overalls, strong shoes and waterproofs are essential. For many jobs, footwear with toe protection is essential and should be supplied by the young volunteer. Other PPE is provided by the railway when required.
10. Young Volunteers are not allowed on or near the track unsupervised and are only permitted on or near the track if working under supervision of a suitably qualified Designated Responsible Person.
11. Young Volunteers may not consume alcohol at any time while working on, or in the care of the railway.
12. Railways are by their nature dangerous places to work, but can be rewarding and enjoyable if treated with respect and safety is uppermost in all that is done.