The service
The Youth Offending Team (YOT) is a multi-agency team brought together by the Crime & Disorder Act 1998. The aim of the YOT is to deliver a highly focused service to prevent offending by young people. The team includes staff from the Police, Probation, Social Services, Health and Education. Calderdale’s Youth Offending Team became operational in February 2000.

The role
Referral Order Panel Members:

- Co-ordinate a meeting ordered by the Youth Court
- The young person is subject to a Court Order and has to attend the panel
- The panel brings together members of the local community, victims, young people and their parents/carers
- The panel discuss and agree a plan of action designed to put right the harm caused

Where?
Venues across Calderdale to meet the needs of the victim and young people

When?
Referral Order Panel Meetings usually take place early evening in central Halifax, however if required to meet the needs of the victim and young people these meetings can take place in other locations around Calderdale and at other times.

Who?
The personal qualities we are looking for in Referral Order Panel Members are –
Good listener
Assertive
Good communication skills
Reliable and committed
Non-judgemental

You also need to be

- Over 18 years of age
- Free from criminal convictions which precludes contact with young people (convictions do not automatically preclude, offences will be assessed in accordance with the role)
All volunteers are required to undertake training which includes: Introduction to the Youth Offending Team and working with young people, Safeguarding Training, Restorative Justice and Referral Order Panel training. After completing this training they will be asked to shadow the role prior to an approval meeting with a manager. Volunteers will also be required to undertake a DBS check and provide two referees including a current or last employer or higher education supervisor.

All expenses, including DBS check where applicable, will be covered by Calderdale Council

If you are interested in this volunteering opportunity please complete the online expression of interest by clicking on ‘Express your interest’ on the previous web page.

Further Information
If you have any further questions about this volunteering opportunity please contact Jess Hudson on 01422 368279 or Jess.Hudson@calderdale.gov.uk