
Job Description **Senior Youth Worker (Life Skills Programme)**
15 hours a week, March to October 2019

Responsible to: **Project Manager**

Responsibility for: **Sessional Workers (when in Lead Youth Worker role)**

Purpose: To support young people by providing informal learning opportunities that encourages them to reach their full potential and to assist the Project Manager in the further development of the Connections Bus Project.

Charity Objectives:

To act as a resource for young people up to the age of 19 living in Cambridgeshire and the surrounding areas by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities as a means of:

1. advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals;
2. advancing education;
3. providing recreational and leisure time activity in the interests of social welfare for people living in the area of benefit who have need by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, poverty or social and economic circumstances with a view to improving the conditions of life for such persons.

Main duties:

1. To plan, lead and deliver a youth work programme (maximum of 2 evenings a week which may include Fridays)
2. To supervise staff and volunteers during youth work sessions
3. To support and work alongside staff and volunteers to develop positive relationships with young people
4. To initiate, plan, develop, deliver and evaluate informal education opportunities relevant to the needs of the young people (in conjunction with the Project Manager)
5. To be responsible for
 - a. Appropriate issue based activities
 - b. Themed notice boards, information and advice
 - c. Written reports of youth work sessions
6. To liaise with relevant agencies and develop and strengthen partnerships with them.
7. To participate in the development of links with local communities.
8. To drive youth bus to appropriate venues
9. To assist in the upkeep of the buses, equipment and stock

Any other duties as agreed by the Project Manager and Trustees.

Personal Specification

General

Aged 21 or over
Full UK Driving licence and ability & willingness to learn to drive youth bus
Ability to get to youth bus location in East Cambridgeshire and Fenland Districts
Good computer literacy (including Microsoft Office)
Self-motivated
Good organisational skills
Good communication skills (written and verbal)
Satisfactory completion of an enhanced DBS check following acceptance of job

Experience and commitment

Youth work experience (voluntary or paid)
Level 2 Youth Work Qualification or higher (or equivalent)
Evidence of ability to effectively lead a small team of youth workers
Evidence of a passion to see young people's lives transformed
Evidence of successful experience in planning and leading a youth work programme
Evidence of an ability to interact with young people in a way that empowers the young people
Willingness to learn, develop and take part in training
Able to work 2 evenings a week (from 3pm)

Applications using the charity's application form should be returned by 31 October to:

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Further Questions:

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