

Positions available at Inspire Youth Tyne and Wear

Play & Youth Worker (includes detached/outreach youth work) (X3 Part-time Posts)

Responsible to Supervisor & Manager of Inspire Youth

- **Part time, Play and Youth Worker – x3 posts.**

- **18.5 hours per week**

- **15.75 hours per week**

- **14.5 hours per week**

£11.00 - £16.00 per hour

Job Description

Inspire Youth Tyne and Wear (Company Number **08540636**) is a constituted community interest company providing a range of activities on a not-for-profit basis for children, young people, their families and communities. (www.inspireyouthtw.org)

Main roles and responsibilities

The following is typical of the duties the post holder will be expected to perform. It is not necessarily exhaustive and other duties of a similar nature and level may be required from time to time.

- To deliver and promote high quality, play and youth work opportunities and programs, inclusive for all children and young people aged between 5-19 years.
- Take part in the design, development and delivery of sessions for children and young people including holiday provision
- Welcome all children and young people in a friendly manner and provide them with a safe space to play, learn, develop, and socialise in
- To encourage free play and being active
- Travel to different venues with equipment to deliver sessions.
- To establish and maintain appropriate relationships with children and young people.
- Ensure the activities being delivered are fun, interesting, valuable and appropriate to the children and young people using the facilities.
- To make sure the children and young people attending the sessions receive appropriate support and information.

- Ensure all paperwork relating to the sessions is completed appropriately.
- To be able to work effectively as part of a team
- To comply with all of our policies and implement them, ensuring that Child Protection Issues are fully reported, recorded and dealt with appropriately.
- To attend regular supervision sessions, staff meetings and training when required
- To be fully flexible, the post involves working evenings and weekends.
- To work across Newcastle area, targeting known hotspots, advised by staff and other organisations
- To develop programs which encourage young people to engage in positive and constructive activities and to have an awareness of the challenges that face young people living in Newcastle.
- To establish relationships of trust and mutual respect with young people and to offer support and encouragement, addressing key issues including health, self-esteem, independent living and managing relationships.
- To be a friendly and welcoming face within the community and someone the young people can trust and talk to
- To raise awareness of social issues, challenges and dangers that can exist and empowering them to be prepared to deal with them.
- To enable young people through coaching and support to make informed decisions about their life choices and how they can make positive contributions to society
- Be able to communicate with other organisations about the work being carried out and issues which arise
- To maintain a professional relationship, and always maintaining the professional boundaries
- To ensure all sessions are recorded appropriately and all relevant paperwork is completed
- To take children and young people on trips and excursions, being responsible for their well-being. This can be residential too.
- To build strong and purposeful relationships, working 'face to face' with young people
- To assist, empower and inform young people of the wide range of opportunities available, encouraging them to make the best use of their time and where possible signpost accordingly.
- To be a positive role model, working with confidence, professionalism, honesty and integrity
- To raise awareness and share information addressing local social issues and encourage them to make the right choices.
- To support the day-to-day delivery of the service.

Essential Criteria:

- The candidate must be reliable, motivated, and passionate about the role & willing to travel.
- Full UK driving licence is preferred but **not essential**, must be willing to use public transport if no driving licence is held.
- Full flexibility is required, the post includes working evenings and weekends.
- Level 2 Qualification in Youth Work, Play Work or equivalent qualifications.
- Experience of working with children and young people with a wide range of needs.
- Experience or understanding of play or youth work values.
- Experience of working with challenging behaviour.
- Ability to work calmly in a busy, demanding environment and work flexibly.
- Good self-awareness and strong interpersonal skills.
- Proven communication skills both written and verbal.
- Ability to work within a team and independently, professionally, and consistently.
- Knowledge of safeguarding practice and policy.

If you would like any further information or would like an application form, please contact leoni.roberts@inspireyouthtw.org