



BEACON PROJECT SR5

Listening, Learning & Lighting the Way

Youth and Children's Community Worker

Are you a Christian who is enthusiastic about their faith and following Jesus but willing to admit they haven't got it all figured out? Do you know how to communicate and build relationships through minimal dialogue? Do you enjoy eating pizza, playing games, seeing things from a new perspective and thinking on your feet? Can you advocate for others and help them grow in confidence to do it themselves and get their voice heard? Are you comfortable with being real around others and able to model respect?

If so, you might be just who we're looking for to join our team at *The Beacon Project: SR5*. In partnership with the Parish of North Wearside, we hope *The Beacon Project: SR5* will result in a series of locally authentic and evolving, sustainable church activities and practices, that will increase our value to, and relationships with, our community in North Wearside, Sunderland.

As the Youth and Children's Community Worker, you will be key in developing our youth provision and programme; building relationships and connections with local community groups and schools. You will have input in mission activities and events designed to improve our visibility in the community including planning and delivering interactive prayer spaces in school, church and around the community. You will be expected to develop an awareness of existing youth provision and seek to work in partnership with other groups, both church based and secular, where possible. You will be an advocate for young people in the church and the community, helping them to find their own voice and raise their aspirations, growing in faith and confidence. As a visible, accessible and active Christian you will create an environment for young people to grow spiritually, curating a safe place for exploration of faith and questions without judgement, in a non-intimidating way.

This is an outward facing missional role that is seeking to better embed our church life in the community, more thoroughly and visibly, boosting our accessibility and approachability. Whilst there is some flexibility available, we expect the post to be worked over 3 days a week, which will include evenings and weekends.

Post title: Youth & Children's Community Worker

Hours: 16 hours a week initially, presumed over 3 days

Salary: £9.50/hour

Length of contract: four years initially, with a view to extend depending on funding

For further information and an application pack please go to www.northwearsideparish.com

You are also invited to contact the ordained lead of *The Beacon Project*, the Rev'd Chantal Noppen on 07504 560249 for an informal chat about the role.

Deadline: 6pm on August 15th submitted electronically to beaconprojectsr5@gmail.com or by post to The Team Rectory, Rotherham rd., Redhouse, Sunderland, SR5 5QS.

Interviews are scheduled for the week beginning August 31st