

Job description

Children's and Youth worker – Fulwood Free Methodist Church

Job details

Job title: Children's and Youth worker

Hours: Full time 37hours per week – however applications from people seeking part-time and job share are welcome.

At Fulwood Free Methodist Church our vision is to 'be disciples and make disciples' as we reach out to the local community, which includes children and youth. We are a growing church situated in a suburban area of Preston. We seek to cater for people of all ages and there is a thriving youth and children's work already in place.

Due to the continuing growth in numbers of families and young people we believe that the next step is to appoint someone to join the team as a children's and youth worker. We are looking for someone with the ability to build upon the youth and children's ministries already in place and to grow this in line with the vision of the church. We need someone who can work within the existing staff team and who can also lead and develop teams of volunteers.

The post is subject to an enhanced DBS check, pre-employment references and a probationary period of 3 months. The post holder will report to the Children's and Youth Ministry Group Team Leader. For more information about the role please call Rebecca Parkinson (01772 863389) or Nicki Thorpe (01772 760827)

To apply for the role please write to us showing how you meet the job description and person specification (in no more than 2 sides of A4) Please also enclose your CV and the names and contact details of two referees, one of which should be the minister of the church you attend. Please send the information to Vicky Johns c/o Fulwood free Methodist Church, Lightfoot Lane, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 3LT or by email to VickyJ@fulwoodfmc.net. Closing date for applications 31/03/2016

Role summary – Key tasks:

To encourage the children and young people in their relationship with God.

To build good relationships with the children and young people, acting as a good role model.

Engage Christian young people in discipleship including the development of our youth home groups.

Lead and teach both small and large groups of children and young people effectively.

Build positive relationships with parents, team members and the church congregation; providing regular communication as required.

Recruit, train and build teams of volunteers.

Develop community outreach in the local area, including schools work.

Liaise with other ministry groups within the church to ensure integration of the children and young people into the life of the church.

Encourage interaction with other local churches and organisations (eg. Preston Youth for Christ).

Complete the responsibilities of a staff team member such as attending weekly staff meetings, completing paperwork deadlines and attending Youth and Children's Team meetings.

Follow the church's safe guarding policy.

Person Description

Essential:

Relevant degree level qualification

Experience of church based youth and children's work

Ability to build strong relationships with youth, children and their families, providing pastoral support and care where needed

Ability to organise, plan and implement the youth and children's programmes

Ability to develop youth and children's work in-line with church vision

Ability to work as part of a team (staff, events, volunteer teams)

There is a genuine occupational requirement that the post holder is a committed Christian in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 9 of the Equality Act 2010

Desirable:

Previous involvement in schools work

Experience of running small discipleship groups and training leaders

Qualification in Youth and Children's work