



JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Youth and Children's Worker (20 hours per week)
Location: Moneyreagh Community Church, 36a Church Road, Moneyreagh, BT23 6BB
Reports to: Church Plant Leader

Purpose of the post

This is an exciting new post at Moneyreagh Community Church, we are seeking to appoint a youth and children's worker to work as part of the Church plant team who will develop, both within the Church and the community, our existing ministry to children and young people in the Moneyreagh area. The worker will create safe environments for children and young people to come and learn as well as have fun, and to provide opportunities to help them reach their potential.

Key Duties

- 1.** To be responsible for leading our work among children and young people aged 5 to 18 years.
- 2.** To co-ordinate and develop our outreach Friday night 'Charge: Kids Club' for children in primary 4 to primary 7 and 'Youth: Drop-in' for year 8 and above.
- 3.** Developing our youth and children's Church and in planning a monthly family service in Moneyreagh Community Church on Sundays.
- 4.** Delivering youth alpha, assemblies, SU's and lessons in local schools.
- 5.** Further develop the children's & youth ministry, outreach and relationships with local schools.
- 6.** Work within a budget set by the Church Plant Leader.
- 7.** Recruit, support and equip volunteers within the Church.
- 8.** Be involved in planning and running holiday programmes.
- 9.** Keep accurate, up to date records of children's details.
- 10.** Undertake training, attend meetings, provide updates and regular supervision.
- 11.** In the context of this role it is a genuine occupational requirement that the person appointed to this post would be a committed Christian who is fully committed to the ethos and vision of Moneyreagh Community Church.



Working week will include Fridays, Sunday mornings and at least one other day as agreed with the Church plant leader. It will require afternoon and/or evening work.

Person Specification

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Essential Criteria

- 3 years' experience (within the past 5 years) working with children of Primary School age and young people of secondary school age (can be voluntary).
- 5 GCSE's (or equivalent) at Grade C or above.
- Experience of co-ordinating and/or delivering clubs/programmes for children and young people.
- Knowledge of the issues facing young people and children and their families.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Willingness to own and work within the Christian ethos of Moneyreagh Community Church.
- Access to own means of transport

Desirable Criteria

- Third level qualification (preferably in Teaching, Early Years or Youth Work) or equivalent
- OCN in Youth Work
- Experience of taking assemblies in Primary Schools.
- Good organisational and record keeping skills.
- Ability to work independently (organising time effectively) and as part of a team.
- Experience of leading volunteers
- Experience with sound and media
- Ability to play a musical instrument



Conditions of Service

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Responsible to: Church Plant Leader

Salary scale: NJC Pay Scale Point 20 - £19,438 Pro Rata

Duration: Initial 6-month contract with view to extend depending on funding

Working hours: 20 hours per week

Annual leave entitlement:

4 weeks (as agreed with Church plant leader). The above entitlement will be calculated pro rata depending upon hours of work.

Application Process:

To apply please send a letter demonstrating how you meet the essential and desirable criteria, together with your CV, to eleonorwilson64@gmail.com

Closing date for receipt of applications: 12 noon Friday 27th October.

Interviews for shortlisted candidates are scheduled week commencing Monday 30th October.



INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES

Background

Moneyreagh Community Church is a Missional Church plant from the Church of Ireland planted in October 2013, in Moneyreagh Community Centre. We are extremely grateful to have the use of a fantastic facility for all of our activities.

We are a community who love Jesus and make him known. Our Church is a group of people from all backgrounds and ages who are walking in God's grace on a journey of transformation with Him as we all worship together. We aim to be a community who carry hope and are passionately pursuing God's heart for our local community through our ordinary everyday lives with the love of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. Our values are based on the vision of the early Church as in Acts 2:42

According to the latest census information in June 2014, the population of Moneyreagh Ward was 3,721, this includes; 649 children aged 0-15 years and 947 people aged 16-39 years. It has an extremely high lack of youth provision and we have used this as one indicator as a need for increased youth and children's provision. Local primary and secondary Schools in the area have also expressed a desire for the local Church to have a larger presence in delivering spiritual as well as emotional support to children and young people.

Ethos

Moneyreagh Community Church has a Christian ethos and that informs the way staff fulfill their roles, how we relate to one another, how we relate to the organisations and individuals with whom we work, and how we relate to those we seek to help and serve. Our ethos emerges from a desire and motivation to express Christ's love to all people. While Moneyreagh Community Church is motivated by the Christian faith, we seek to be accessible to people of all faiths or none. We are committed to serving and respecting all people regardless of their gender, marital status, race, ethnic origin, religion, age, sexual orientation or physical and mental capability.



Growth

In the past 4 years Moneyreagh Community Church has seen significant growth. In the last 18 months, we have seen significant growth in our children's and youth ministry, on Sunday mornings, but also through our outreach programmes and in local schools. We are passionate about developing this further and responding to the varied needs of our community. It will be an exciting (sometimes busy) place to work.

Please note that in order to comply with our Child Protection Policy we will require successful candidate to undertake an Access NI check.