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**Job Ref: HQ/2018/003**

 **Title: Play Ranger x 10 posts**

**Employer:** Action Deaf Youth

**Based at:** 385 Holywood Road, Belfast, BT4 2LS

**Hours:** Approx. 3 hours per week (sessional, term time only)

**Employment status:** Fixed term until 30th June 2019 with possibility of extension

**Salary:** £15 per hour

**Responsible to:** Active Play Coordinator

**Job purpose:** To work alongside the Lead Play Practitioner in one or more of our group play programmes. You will support and enhance deaf children’s development and act as a positive and inspiring role model for the children and their parents/carers.

 You will be able to work with a specific age group depending on your interests and experience (0-2 years, 2-4 years, 4-8 years).

**These posts are funded by the Big Lottery Fund**

**Main duties and responsibilities**

***Child-led play***

1. Work alongside the Lead Play Practitioner in group play sessions to support and enhance deaf children’s development through a wide range of fun and enjoyable play experiences
2. Develop good relationships with the children and interact with them sensitively
3. Act as a positive role model for the children, helping to build their self-esteem and enhance their communication skills
4. Provide excellent standards of care at all times by supervising the children appropriately
5. Work with the Lead Play Practitioner to reflect on the session and clear away resources at the end

***Working with parents/carers of deaf children***

1. Create a warm, welcoming and supportive space for parents/carers of deaf children, where they are free to discuss issues
2. Share your own personal experiences of deafness with the children’s parents/carers, helping them to feel positive about their journey with their child

***Safeguarding and hygiene***

1. Promote and safeguard the welfare of the children who attend our play programmes and ensure all safeguarding and child protection procedures are followed
2. Ensure good standards of hygiene and cleanliness are maintained at all times

***Training***

1. Be available and willing to complete all required training – please refer to attached training dates for 2018/early 2019

**Person Specification**

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| **Post** | **Play Ranger** |
| **Location** | **Belfast & throughout Northern Ireland**  |
|  | **Essential** | **Desirable** |
| **Experience** | 1. Experience of working with children (paid, voluntary or personal experience)
2. Willing and available to be involved in all required training to develop knowledge, understanding and skills
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| **Personal Qualities** | 1. Warm, playful personality
2. Reliable
3. Good communication skills
4. Empathy with deaf children
5. Open attitude
6. Can share personal experiences of deafness with parents/carers
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| **Competencies** | 1. Work well in a team
2. Able to learn new skills and use these in the play sessions
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| **Other** | 1. Interested in play and how this is important for children’s development
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**How to apply**

* Complete application form. You must show how you meet each aspect of the Person Specification – you can do this in writing on the application form or through BSL video clip.
* Email completed application form (and BSL video clip if you have done this) to michael.johnston@actiondeafyouth.org
* Closing date to apply: **Monday 6th August 2018 at 9am**
* Interview date: sometime between 20th – 24th August 2018 (to be confirmed)

**TRAINING DATES**

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| **DATE** | **TIME** | **WHERE?** | **WHAT?** |
| Saturday 1st September 2018 ANDSunday 2nd September 2018 | 9.30am – 4.30pm | Action Deaf Youth | Introduction to Play & Playwork  |
| To be confirmedFriday 7th September 2018 eveningOR Saturday 8th September 2018 morning | 3 hours | Action Deaf Youth | Child Protection (Safeguarding) |
| Friday 23rd November 2018ANDFriday 7th December 2018 | 6pm – 9pm | Action Deaf Youth | Paediatric First Aid (First Aid for children) |
| Saturday 5th January 2019ANDSunday 6th January 2019 | 9.30am – 4.30pm | Action Deaf Youth | Creative Communication with Children |