

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – POST SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Please see below summary of the following post:

Post and Grade:	Project Worker 2 – P26B
No. of posts:	1
Service/Location:	Family Connections – Newtownabbey
Contract:	30 hours pw
Salary range:	£23,545 - £32,471 pro-rata

Additional Information for Project Worker –

When completing your application form, please refer to the skills, knowledge and experience required as detailed in the **Person Specification** and also any further information included in this **Additional Information Sheet**.

Please outline clearly how you meet the Essential criteria.

Barnardo's Newtownabbey Family Connections

Initial Location of Post

Dunanney Centre, Rathmullan Drive, Belfast

Objectives of the Service

Family Connections work with children and families to support children's learning and development. We work in schools and communities to help improve connections between children, parents, schools and communities to improve outcomes for children.

Family Connections is delivering services directly with children and families in Newtownabbey. We work with pupils and families to help children achieve in school and deliver parenting programmes and promote family well-being.

Barnardo's also co-ordinate an area-wide collaboration THRiVE, working with local parents, schools, churches, statutory and voluntary organisations and community groups to help children and young people thrive. The four key priorities for THRiVE are improving aspiration, attainment, well-being and collaboration. We promote aspirational messages through our WE CAN campaign and use community development approaches to engage children, young people and parents and work with relevant organisations

Please look at our website www.thrivenewtownabbey.co.uk

Initial Specific Responsibilities

We are looking to recruit a dynamic individual to join our team. This person will be committed and energetic in inspiring community change.

This role will focus on working with parents, schools, community organisations and statutory services, along with the THRiVE Co-ordinator and team, to:-

Enable Community Champions

- Recruit and support Parent Champions to identify key areas of change in the community., promote aspirational messages and work to improve services for families.
- Recruit and support Community Champions to equip them to promote aspirational messages in their settings, engage in THRiVE sub-groups and influence community change
- Build leadership capacity of local parents, staff and volunteers by organising training, co-delivery, and coaching support
- Engage children and young people in opportunities for co-design of services and participation in community change.

Lead WE CAN campaign

- Enable consistent communication of early intervention messages across schools, community groups, youth leaders, churches in Rathcoole and Monkstown

- Support the implementation of an area-wide WE CAN campaign to promote aspiration and achievement
- Design and innovate approaches to energising community change, including effective use of social media channels, THRiVE website, merchandise, advertising, events, competitions etc

Support THRiVE

- Work with THRiVE Co-ordinator and Administrator to support the effectiveness of the THRiVE collaboration
- Work as part of team to ensure common approach to data collection and measurement of outcomes across the THRiVE collaboration

Please outline clearly in your application how you meet the Essential criteria.

Essential Criteria

Relevant qualification to Level 5 - NVQ, BTec, Foundation degree, Dip HE or equivalent in Youth and Community Work, Community Development, Teaching, Social Work, Early Childhood

Demonstrable experience of working with children, young people and/or families in community settings

Demonstrable experience of working with parents, with a focus on their parenting role

Demonstrable experience of working with agencies or networks of agencies in the children and families sector

Willingness to engage with social media channels to promote positive change

Evidence of ability to inspire and facilitate change

Experience of working with children and young people in co-design activity and/or enabling the voice and influence of children and young people