



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Project Worker 1

Barnardo's Northern Ireland

Location:	PosAbility
Work base:	Grange Building, Tower Hill, Armagh, BT61 9DR
Contract:	19 hours per week Occasional evening and commitment to one half day Saturday per month is required.
Grade / Salary:	E – Children's Services - £25492.40 to £29,726.20 FTE

You will have received a Project Worker 1 (PW1) job description and person specification. This is a generic role in use throughout the organisation which Barnardo's uses generic job descriptions and person specifications when advertising for such roles. 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. This should be done with an understanding of the context of the service described.

Overview of Service

PosAbility has been operating in the Southern Health and Social Care Trust since 2002. The service is managed by Barnardo's and receives funding from the Southern Health and Social Care Trust, The Health and Social Care Board, Children in Need and The Community Fund.

We deliver a wide range of capacity building programs to help increase disabled young people's ability to share their views on disability issues and facilitate their involvement in local and regional children's services planning processes. Programs are designed to help young people understand government structures and relevant policy on services such as education, health and social care, transport and employment and learning etc. We facilitate young people's involvement in government policy consultations.

Programs are usually delivered through group work but occasional individuals require one to one support. Activities include use of assistive technology, multimedia, IT, drama, art and craft, play and music. Some young people have support requirements such as assistance to feed, hoisting and having their

personal care needs provided for. This project provides a safe and stimulating environment to young people who have a range of conditions that enables them to speak out about issues that impact on their lives. Some young people will require specific support to enable them to communicate, understand and impart information. In order to learn about and meet all the individual support needs, we adopt a multiagency approach by working closely with families, social workers, allied health professionals, schools etc. Young people are facilitated to exercise their rights to have their say by being supported to attend and participate in influencing forums and meetings with policy makers and service providers.

PosAbility has its offices based in Armagh, from where individual and group sessions are delivered. The service is also provided in schools throughout Northern Ireland and community venues or in family homes across the Region. The worker will be asked to travel and to work flexibly to meet the needs of children and families.

Responsibilities

- Undertake referral assessments, meeting with young people, their families and professionals
- Organise and deliver direct work and group work sessions
- Deliver our schools programme to students in special schools across Northern Ireland
- Work with the team to deliver programmes throughout the Southern Trust area
- Deliver disability awareness training to parents and professionals
- Support young people to share their views
- Attend meetings and facilitate workshops to share the views of young people
- Deliver monthly Sixth Sense sessions within the Southern Trust
- Keep clear and concise records of all work undertaken

Please note, in order to be shortlisted for interview you MUST clearly indicate on your application that you fully meet each of the criteria below marked as Essential.

Essential Criteria

- Experience either in a paid or voluntary capacity of working with children and young people with disabilities.
- Experience of working to safeguarding and child protection policies and procedures



- Knowledge of disability and how it impacts upon children, young people and their families.
- Full UK driving licence, business insurance and access to a car for work purposes (this criteria will be waived for candidates with a disability who can demonstrate alternative means of meeting the mobility requirements of the post)

Desirable Criteria

- Experience of work with groups of young people.

Successful applicants will be required to undertake an Enhanced Access NI with Child and Adult Barred List Check.