

Youth Work Assistant

3 hours per week - £11 per hour

Fixed term 6 months



We have a vacancy for a freelance *Youth Work Assistant* to help deliver our weekly term-time sessions and school holiday trips.

This is an exciting opportunity to work directly with young people with a focus on providing sports, outdoor and social opportunities. By actively and creatively engaging with young people across the area, you will play a key role in providing inclusive youth provision that helps young people increase their confidence and addresses some of the challenges of living in a rural area.

LING are a friendly and forward-thinking community organisation with a focus on health and well-being, based in and managing New Galloway Town Hall as well as Garroch Estate Walled Garden and a local woodland pathways project.

You will assist our Youth Activity and Development Worker, working directly with young people mainly aged 11- 18 to plan and deliver a range of activities with a particular emphasis on active, outdoor and youth-led social activities.

Hours will be three per week during school term-time, with some flexibility during school holidays to support our holiday trips. Evening and some weekend work will be required, as well as some work during school holidays.

Applications are encouraged from younger people as support and training will be given where required. This is an opportunity to develop skills in a fun, relaxed but important role that requires initiative, enthusiasm and commitment.

You will:

- be a positive presence in all the Glenkens communities
- help run our regular term-time youth group sessions, currently held in Dalry on a Monday evening 7pm – 8.30pm, as well as trips in the school holidays. This will involve helping to set up, greeting and interacting with young people in a relaxed, professional and cheerful manner, and helping to ensure that the youth sessions are a positive, safe and supportive space for young people
- assist the Youth Activity and Development Worker in other relevant tasks as required and agreed

Person Specification:

Essential	Desirable
Experience working with young people, or the ability to demonstrate the skills and understanding relevant to the role	Youth work, community or education related qualification or be working towards one First Aid certification; sports coaching or outdoor activities / outdoor education qualification; any other qualification or training relevant to working with young people and / or communities
Positive, friendly and approachable manner	
Good written and verbal communication skills	Experience of promoting events via social media, posters, flyers etc.
Able to demonstrate professionalism and accountability	
Good understanding of professional boundaries and confidentiality	Understanding of child protection; understanding of data protection

Public transport is limited, so having or being able to organise a reliable source of transport to is essential

We will require the details of two referees if you are the preferred candidate. The successful candidate will be required to have a PVG Disclosure check, paid for by LING

To apply, please submit CV and a short covering letter to newgallowaytownhall@gmail.com

The deadline for application is **midnight on the 29th Dec 2022**. Interviews will take place in the second week of January and we hope the successful candidate will be able to start on the 16th January.

We warmly invite you to contact us with any questions or for an informal chat prior to application at newgallowaytownhall@gmail.com.

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