



Outline Job Description

Youth Outreach Worker

**The Church in the Westlands
Newcastle -under- Lyme**

This is an exciting and varied opportunity to work within an established Anglican / Methodist Local Ecumenical Partnership looking to continually develop its work amongst young people in the area by presenting the Gospel in an accessible way. The aim is to see more young people contacted with the Gospel and their lives touched by Jesus Christ.

1. Responsible to:

A joint management team comprising 4 representatives from the Church in the Westlands (2 from each Church) together with the line manager and the Methodist Minister. The joint management team will meet every three months, with day to day line management being provided by the Vicar of St. Andrew's Church. The Diocesan Youth Officer will be available to provide mentoring, support, development and professional direction.

2. Responsible for:

A weekly 40 hour youth work post, consisting of school, community and church based youth work at the Church in the Westlands. There will be a need for flexibility in how the working week is delivered and this will be managed in discussion with the line Manager.

3. Job Summary:

The main emphasis of the work in the long term will be to engage with local young people in the community and involvement with 10 to 18 year olds in local schools will be the basis for development.

4. Main Duties:

To continue to grow work with Young People in the community of the Westlands, seeking to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a way, relevant to them.

To develop work from year 6 with local primary and high schools, with a view to involvement, as invited in assemblies, participating in and leading lessons, lunchtime activities, after school clubs, mentoring and external school activities as appropriate.

To continue and grow relationships amongst young people, leading and encouraging peer group work with young people contacted through schools work and other initiatives and to encourage links between young people and the Churches. This includes where appropriate leading of a group/groups within the weekly life of the Churches.

To build relationships with existing Church youth leaders, and with both congregations, to help integrate young people into the life of the Churches.

5. Profile:

- Our overriding priority is a person with a desire for an increasingly close, growing and fruitful walk with God, a willing and teachable spirit and a passionate heart to serve and reach young people with the saving grace of God in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- You should be a person of prayer who is in good standing with the local church and wider community.
- Experience in youth work is essential as is experience of life and an ability to relate to the culture of unchurched young people.
- Good interpersonal and organisational skills will also be required with a proven ability to communicate with young people.
- You will ideally have an ability to show good initiative and to work independently or as part of a team.
- An ability to lead, motivate and enthuse others in this work will also be a key factor
- The need for a sense of humour is paramount as is the ability to handle sensitive issues
- We will also be looking for creativity and innovation, with tenacity and persistence and the ability to sell an idea
- The post will require you to be a committed participant and contributor to the worship of either Church (St. Peter's Methodist or St. Andrew's Anglican).

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