



Abington House of Fun **Youth Support Worker Job Description**

We are seeking to recruit a Youth Support Worker to work on a self-employed basis in Abington House of Fun (AHOF), a youth drop in centre for 11-18 year olds. AHOF is located in Abington Park and is a safe, welcoming space for all young people to come to. AHOF is supported by the local churches.

The successful candidate should have experience in working with young people and should be passionate about building and maintaining relationships and nurturing their emotional, physical and social wellbeing.

You must be a good communicator, able to work in a team of volunteers and be trustworthy and respectful of the Christian values which underpin AHOF. This role requires an ability to handle challenging behaviour and to be non-judgmental. I.T skills and the ability to use social media platforms creatively are also needed. Evidence of youth work related training and an understanding of safeguarding is essential. A driving licence would be an advantage.

Hours of work: 4 hours per week (2 hours every Wednesday evening plus flexible hours)

Pay: Hourly rate £10. You will be required to submit a monthly timesheet and invoice for the work undertaken, in order for payment to be made.

Key Responsibilities:

- Attend AHOF sessions every Wednesday evening 7:15-9:15pm.
- Support the running of engaging activities within AHOF.
- Build purposeful relationships with the young people who attend and ensure their personal detail forms are kept up to date and secure.
- Liaise with volunteers in the sessions and lead briefing and debriefing.
- Communicate with young people's parents/guardian so they know when sessions are running and when special events are planned.
- Make connections and networks with local community groups and schools
- Lead social trips occasionally and events with the young people.
- Communicate with the management committee by reporting regularly.
- A mentor will be provided for this role. There is an expectation to meet with this person at least monthly.
- Stay up to date with relevant training and policies.

If you are interested please send a copy of your CV to Malcolm Ward, Chairman of Abington House of Fun on malc.ward49@gmail.com together with a covering letter clearly outlining why you are interested in the position. We invite you to write a paragraph about an issue affecting young people and your views on it. Be sure to include 2 referees and their contact details. The closing date for application is 15th March 2019 and interviews will take place during the week commencing 25th March 2019.

The role will be subject to successful DBS and 2 references.