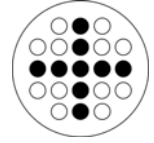




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CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Children & Young People's Development Worker

Following the recommendation of the Diocesan Council for Mission and the approval of the Diocesan Synod, we are now seeking to appoint a part time children and young people's worker for the Richmond Archdeaconry. This is an exciting new post, aiming to give support, help and encouragement to parishes in their mission and outreach to children and young people. Below is a summary of the job description and the person specification. Please let this opportunity be known in the parishes.

Adrian Alker, Director of Mission Resourcing

Children & Young People's Development Worker

Part-Time – 26 hours. Flexible Hours including Evening and Weekend work.

Salary: Pt.15 JNC scale, £27,939 (inc NI/pension) (Pro- Rata £22,000 inc NI/pension)

Application Closing Date: 30th September 2009

Interviews will take place on October 19th.

The Post Holder will be based in the Richmond Archdeaconry and be expected to both take a lead in the development of children's work, and also support the development of work with all young people.

The Post Holder will:

- Share in the effective delivery of the Children and Young People's Development Team's overall agreed responsibilities, taking a particular lead on developing children's work and also supporting youth work in the Richmond Archdeaconry.
- Provide assistance to parishes, laity, clergy and the Bishops as they seek to sustain, develop or initiate children & young people's work, ministry, and mission.
- Provide and deliver training opportunities for children & youth leaders and clergy.
- Provide advice & training for those managing church children & youth projects and encourage the sharing of skills by those employed by the church in full and part-time children & youth work.
- Contribute to an information sharing service and raise the profile of children & young people.
- Promote awareness of the particular issues faced by children & young people in society and in matters of faith and practice.
- Take a leading role in promoting safe and good working practice complimentary to the work of the Child Protection Officer.
- Represent the Church's commitment to children & young people in society, building relationships and partnerships with those working with children & young people in other churches, schools, voluntary sector organisations and statutory bodies.

Suitable Applicants must be able to demonstrate:

- A mature grasp of the Christian faith and a spiritual life open to new experiences and insights.
- Commitment to working as part of a team and working collaboratively & creatively with all members.
- Ability to relate to and understand the culture of children and young people.
- A good knowledge and understanding of children and young people, their development, thinking and learning processes.
- A good knowledge and understanding of faith development and spiritual development.
- Commitment to and enthusiasm for the development of spirituality and discipleship within children and young people.
- A willingness to engage with the breadth of spirituality and styles of worship in the diocese.
- A vision for mission and evangelism amongst children and young people.
- The ability to relate to the different traditions within the Church of England and to work ecumenically.
- An ability to relate to and effectively communicate with children, young people, parishioners, clergy and other professional workers.
- Direct experience of working with children and young people in a non-school setting.
- Experience of training and educating adults.
- An ability to organise and direct events.
- An ability to communicate and publicise work using a variety of modern media.
- Administrative competence including time and financial planning.

Please Note that this appointment is subject to a satisfactory enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

For further information & an application form contact:

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