

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR FLOATING COMMUNITY PLAY RANGER

Job Title:	Community Play Ranger
Responsible for:	No staff; volunteers
Responsible to:	Community Play Ranger Manager, Director and Trustees
Hours of work:	Various to cover for staff Annual Leave and sickness
Salary:	£17,161 - £19,126 pro-rata

Main purpose of Job:

- To join a team of Community Play Rangers to support the child's right to play in community outside space including parks and green space in specific areas of B&NES
- To facilitate safe, open access play opportunities for children and young people aged five to 16 years in various locations.
- To raise the profile of play through delivery of school and community based play sessions as well as contribute to the organisation of playdays and changes to park spaces.

Main Responsibilities of the Community Play Ranger:

To support and encourage the use of public open space for children to use for play by;

1. Appropriately engage with, support and involve local children and young people to develop innovative and challenging play opportunities in targeted neighbourhoods, parks and open spaces.

2. Assist the Community Play Ranger Manager to develop a programme of events and activities with the children and young people including school and community events

3. Deliver the project working closely with other Play Ranger team members and make use of a wide range of play equipment.

4. Set up any equipment and clear the site at the end of a session.

- 5. Collect statistical information relating to attendance.
- 6. Collect statistical information relating to participants.

7. Regularly record and evaluate young people's responses to the project in order that the project can continually meet their needs.

8. Support and encourage young volunteers.

9. Raise awareness and promote the project to young people, families and the communities in which they live.

10. Assist with the organisation and planning of the Community Play Ranger programme of delivery.

11. Assist with the planning and delivery of Play Days and other events.

12. Ensure all policies and procedures including Safeguarding Children policies and procedures are followed at all times.

13. Attend training sessions as required.

14. Attend meetings as required including Trustees meetings and team meetings

15. Compile regular work reports for Trustees as well as contributing information for Monitoring purposes for funders

16. Work in a non-discriminatory way at all times and ensure that consideration is given to the wider inclusion of all children in play opportunities, school and community events and playdays

17. Risk assess every aspect of the job in line with Health & Safety requirements and balancing the need to provide challenging and risky play opportunities for children

 Using family work principles consider the needs of more vulnerable children and provide support through home visits and targeted intervention as appropriate
To evaluate the project involving children and the local community

Person Specification

At least 2 years experience of direct work with children and young people aged 5+ years

A Level 2 or 3 Playwork qualification or a willingness to work towards one Understanding of the importance of outdoor and environmental play for children Good working knowledge of anti-discriminatory practice

Experience of community work

Good initiative and ability to manage your own workload

General Supporting Information

Due to the nature of the work, a good level of physical health is required. Much of the work is outside, working in parks and open spaces. Equipment will need to be brought to the sessions as well as any required resources Appropriate clothing will need to be worn when working outside and you should be willing to wear Community Play Ranger Uniform.

Hours to be worked may include occasional weekends and some evenings. Session times are usually after school 3.30pm – 5.30/6pm depending on season

Successful applicants will be appointed subject to satisfactory references, Enhanced CRB disclosure and registration with the Independent Safeguarding Authority