

#### **Job Title**

### YOUTHWORKER (SOFA)

# **Job Description**

- To facilitate and support disabled and nondisabled young people during the SOFA programme.
- To assist in the organisation and running of age appropriate play activities on an inclusive programme for young people aged twelve to sixteen years (nineteen if disabled)

#### Pay

£8 per hour

# **Duties and Responsibilities**

- 1. To be accountable to the SOFA Development Worker and Director.
- 2. To work as part of a team with other staff and volunteers, supporting outside facilitators and instructors as well as leading activities as specified.
- 3. To carry out specific duties as directed by the Senior Playworker. This will include
  - Facilitating and supervising young people's play and activities including sport, arts and crafts, games, challenging and risky play adventurous activities etc.
  - Supporting young people's personal care needs which may include toileting and changing
  - Supervising young people at all times, including on transport.
  - Organising and running activities free from unacceptable risk.
  - Ensuring that all young people adhere to safety rules of activities including wearing of appropriate clothing and equipment.
  - Acquiring and organising resources for activities to contribute to and be within the programme.
  - Tidy and clean centre / vehicle at the end of sessions
  - Contributing to the planning and delivery of activities.
- 4. To organise and supervise small groups on trips as and when required including organisation of activities and good supervision of young people on transport, whilst waiting for activities, having lunch etc
- 5. To attend training prior to activity programme this may include voluntary attendance.
- 6. To work to all BAPP's policies and procedures at all times and to the Staff Code of Conduct
- 7. To attend and contribute to planning and review of provision at weekly staff team meetings or debriefs.
- 8. To work in an inclusive and non- discriminatory way and provide a positive role model for children and young people.

- 9. To encourage children / young people to be involved in behaviour / ground rule setting and to be fully participative.
- 10. To safeguard and support young people continuously throughout the programme which includes risk benefit assessments, encouraging young people to take responsibility and understand how they can keep themselves safe and ensuring that you work in accordance with our Safeguarding Policies
- 11. To provide a consistent approach to behaviour management with all young people.

# **Person Specification**

- Some recent & relevant experience of training / working with children and young people, preferably in a playscheme or youth work or out of school environment.
- 2. Experience of working with disabled children or young people including an understanding of some of the issues facing disabled children
- 3. Practical skills in direct work with children e.g. organisation, communication, arts, sports, etc.
- 4. Commitment to a child's right to play and anti-discriminatory practice in playwork.
- 5. Understanding of safety issues in play settings including trips off site and sporting activities.
- 6. Ability to work as part of a team, use initiative and take on responsibility for children in your care

## **Times and Hours of Work**

30 - 40 hours per week including travelling on vehicles with young people (including debriefing time)

Flexibility is required as some days are longer than others.

THIS POST IS OFFERED AS A SHORT TERM CONTRACT AND IS SUBJECT TO THE CONTINUED RECEIPT OF FUNDING.