



JOB DESCRIPTION SESSIONAL PLAYWORKER

Service:	Wansdyke Play Association
Responsible to:	Manager
Pay:	£7.00-£9.00 per hour
Hours:	As required after school, school holidays and occasional weekend/week day
Location:	As required across North East Somerset, Bath & Keynsham

Purpose of Job

To facilitate play opportunities for children aged 0-16 working with children, young people and communities and to report on the outcomes of the project. The nature of the work is outreach and will be largely outside, all year round and in all weathers.

Principal Duties and Responsibility

- Facilitate and promote play opportunities, inclusive for all children whatever their abilities
- To work in schools and community venues
- To have a presence in the parks and open spaces.
- To consult with children and young people on play opportunities they would like to develop and provide evidence of this process.
- Encourage use of local recreational land by all members of the community through activities directed at children aged 0-16.
- To support the development of settings to become inclusive play settings.
- Be an advocate for the children's right to play, to be listened to and to be safe. To promote participation of young people with decision making bodies.
- To provide structured and open play sessions within the parks and open spaces. To enable children and young people to develop and organise new projects and events.
- To promote environmental awareness and sustainable development
- To work in close partnership with schools, clubs, the youth service, the park dept, housing associations and other community organisations, providing children's services.
- To attend and contribute to occasional Play Ranger team meetings.
- To plan, carry out and evaluate the project in partnership with children and young people and provide evidence of this process.

Knowledge and Experience

- To have extensive experience of working with children/youth and community groups.
- To share your knowledge of the importance of play for all children/young people.
- To work on your own Initiative and have the ability to manage your own workload.

General

- To wear appropriate clothing and a willingness to wear the agreed Community Play Ranger uniform.
- Due to the nature of the work a good level of physical health is expected.
- The successful applicants are appointed subject to successful police checks, POCA checks and references.
- Due to the widespread nature of the work a current driving license and access to a vehicle is desirable.
- Applicants will be expected to work regularly after school and on Saturdays.
- It is the nature of the work of WPA that tasks and responsibilities are in many circumstances unpredictable and varied. All staff are, therefore, expected to work in a flexible way when the occasion arises that tasks which are not specifically covered in their job description have to be undertaken. These additional duties will normally be to cover unforeseen circumstances or changes in work and will normally be compatible with the regular type of work. If the additional responsibility or task becomes regular or frequent part of the staff member's job, it will be included in the job description in consultation with the member of staff.
- **This position may require flexibility to work regular early evenings, Saturday and other hours outside normal office hours as agreed.**

Note:

When you are filling out your application form please show how you fit as many of the essential parts of the person specification as possible. Ideally give examples to demonstrate how you have the acquired or used the required skills. Use extra sheets if the space provided is not big enough.

Wansdyke Play Association is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The post is subject to an enhanced DBS check.