

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title:	Youth Worker
Reporting to:	Lead Worker
Responsible for:	Sessional Activity Workers and Volunteers
Location:	Mahdlo, Sir Norman Stoller Way, Oldham and various locations within Oldham
Hours:	2.5 hours to 10 hours per week
Salary:	£13.39 per hour

Our Vision

To empower Oldham's young people to thrive through excellent youth work.

Our Mission

To provide opportunities to raise aspirations and support young people to reach their full potential through the delivery of high-quality experiences, ensuring youth voice is a golden thread in shaping everything we do.

Our Values – The Way We Work

Passion
Respect
Inclusion
Dependability
Excellence

Job purpose:

To provide professional youth work to deliver a range of exciting programmes to children and young people that will challenge, stimulate and provide new opportunities, in line with the Mahdlo key themes; Get Sorted (personal development, crime prevention and health and wellbeing) and Get Connected (leadership, volunteering and citizenship);

Main Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Working directly with children and young people (8-12 years and / or 13-19 years) to support their personal, emotional and social development by delivering programmes of activities and services, at Mahdlo.
2. To directly deliver a planned, high quality programme of activity that is exciting, safe, and developmental and directly responds to the diverse needs, concerns and interests of our members. Offering opportunities and encouraging young people to participate in a range of activities and experiences across our 6 key themes: Get Active; Get Creative; Get Sorted; Get Outdoors; Get Connected; Get Ahead.

3. Where required contribute to the development of plans for delivery of youth work sessions and projects
4. To deliver sessions which support with the delivery of preventative issue based youth work
5. To establish positive relationships with young people, to challenge, support and encourage them to participate positively.
6. To work flexibly to ensure the needs of our members are met, including disadvantaged children and young people and those with disabilities or additional needs.
7. To ensure that our members maintain a high standard of behaviour and discipline during sessions.
8. To work alongside and support Activity Workers, Volunteers and Young Leaders to deliver our programmes.
9. To promote cultural cohesion and inclusion, and proactively challenge any prejudice and discrimination.
10. Ensure the participation of young people and that their ideas contribute fully in the delivery and evaluation of sessions, projects and activities.
11. To understand and adhere to Mahdlo policies and procedures at all times with particular emphasis on equal opportunities, health and safety and safeguarding.
12. To have responsibility for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young people at all times.
13. To monitor, record and evaluate sessions in accordance with Mahdlo's systems.
14. To be an active member of the team and operate in line with Mahdlo's values and principles.
15. To promote a positive image of Mahdlo through your work with young people and the community.

General Requirements

- Contribute positively to a range of exciting activity programmes for children and young people in the hub and districts that will challenge, stimulate and provide new opportunities, in line with the Mahdlo six key themes: Get Active (Sports); Get Creative (Arts); Get Sorted (personal development, crime prevention and health and wellbeing); Get Outdoors (outward bound and environmental activities); Get Connected (leadership, volunteering and citizenship); Get Ahead (employment and enterprise).
- Work diligently to meet the requirements of this job description
- Always seek to continuously improve so that the highest quality standards are achieved
- Participate positively in internal/external meetings and training as required
- Positively participate in one to ones and appraisals
- Ensure that all relevant policies, procedures and working practices are adhered to at all times
- Work in accordance with Mahdlo's culture, values, aims and objectives
- Act as a positive ambassador for Mahdlo at all times
- Positively contribute to Mahdlo's team working environment, taking ownership of issues and supporting colleagues where appropriate
- Be flexible and willing to undertake any other duties that may be reasonably be required
- In accordance with our Child Protection and Safeguarding procedures, this position requires a safer recruitment interview and an enhanced DBS check.
- Mahdlo is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes applications from all sections of the community.

Person Specification

		Essential	Desirable
Qualifications			
	A qualification recognised by the JNC for Youth & Community Work – NVQ / VRQ Level 2 equivalent or above	✓	
	A JNC recognised professional youth work qualification (minimum DipHe).		✓
Experience			
	Face to face youth work delivery, working with young people aged 8-19yrs both in groups and in 1-2-1s	✓	
	Experience of delivering issue based youth work and youth work support to individuals and groups.	✓	
	Experience of supporting young people who are disaffected, underachieving and or have social/emotional barriers to participation.	✓	
	Experience of working in a team and alongside volunteers.	✓	
	Residential work with young people.		✓
	Organising a programme of developmental youth work activities.		✓
	Face to face youth work delivery in an outreach setting, working with young people aged 13-19yrs both in groups and in 1-2-1s.		✓
Knowledge and Skills			
	Understanding of the principles of good youth work practice and the issues affecting young people's lives.	✓	
	Knowledge of Health and Safety, Diversity Awareness and Safeguarding best practice and how these relate to children and young people within Mahdlo.	✓	
	Confident in managing a group of young people and the ability to work with them to develop their social education by providing programmes of activities and services.	✓	
	Ability to coach, encourage, motivate and provide reliable support to children and young people.	✓	
	Ability to build positive relationships and deliver high quality youth work with young people who face social exclusion, disadvantage and disaffection.	✓	
	Ability to deliver youth work within an equal opportunities framework and identify and challenge discrimination and discriminatory behaviour.	✓	
	Excellent communication and IT skills.	✓	
	Ability to understand, follow and implement procedure.	✓	
	Ability to monitor and evaluate sessions and work flexibly to change delivery during session in required.		✓
Personal Attributes			
	Positive and enthusiastic.	✓	
	Enjoys working with young people	✓	
	Punctual and reliable.	✓	
	Commitment to personal and professional development.	✓	
	Able to work in the evenings and at weekends	✓	
	A current valid driving licence, access to a reliable vehicle or willing to drive the company vehicle (9 seater) and willing to apply for appropriate business insurance.	✓	