



OXFORDSHIRE PLAY ASSOCIATION

FARINGDON & WHEATLEY JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB PROJECT

Job Description – Play Worker / Youth Worker

The Oxfordshire Play Association (OPA), working in partnership with Faringdon Town Council has been running a Junior Youth Club in Faringdon for a few years, working with our partners at Wheatley Parish Council we have also now secured funding to deliver a weekly Junior Youth Club in Wheatley.

The project is designed for Children and Young People in School Years 6 and 7 (Ages 10 to 12) and will look to support them through the transition from Primary School to Secondary School.

Faringdon Junior Youth Club is delivered at Faringdon Cricket Club on a Tuesday evening from 6pm to 8pm and following a consultation with Young People in Wheatley the project will be delivered at the Merry Bells in Wheatley on a Friday evening from 6pm to 8pm. The sessions will last for 2 hours and will be delivered weekly, we are looking for staff to work at both locations for 10 hours per week (including prep, delivery, monitoring etc).

The project will provide fun and positive Play opportunities within a Safe and Supportive environment in both Wheatley & Faringdon. This project will increase Childrens opportunities to Play and meet in a Safe Space whilst promoting Positive Activities and Behaviours, Increased Levels of Physical Activity and Healthy Lifestyles.

The Oxfordshire Play Association is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Registered Charity Number 1160320) and has been delivering a Countywide service across Oxfordshire since 1974.

Our Vision is to 'Improve Lives Through Play'

Our Mission Statement is to 'Champion and support the rights of all Children and Young People to have access to high quality, inclusive, Play opportunities to promote their physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing'

The roles will involve;

- Planning and delivering weekly, two x 2 hour sessions offering a range of varied, engaging and Playful activities.
- Creating a setting and environment that promotes Play, Physical Activity, Healthy Lifestyles and Positive Behaviours

- Working in partnership with Faringdon Town Council, Wheatley Parish Council and other Community and local Partner Organisations to ensure that we are meeting the needs of the local Community.
- Promoting other services and activities available locally to those accessing the sessions.

Our new Play / Youth worker will work 10 hours per week (4 hours prep, 4 hours direct delivery and 2 hours monitoring and reporting) at an hourly rate of £12.68 per hour (£14.21 per hour including Holiday Pay)

As this job involves working with Children and Young People it will be subject to an enhanced DBS / CRB check, satisfactory receipt of 2 references and completion of relevant Safeguarding Children and Young People Training.

Person Specification – Playworker / Youth Worker

	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasonable standard of education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 2 Playwork / Early Years / Youth Worker Qualification • First Aid & Food Hygiene
Knowledge and Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of working in a Playwork, Early Years or Youth Setting • Experience of working with a wide range of Children & Young People • An awareness of Child development • An awareness of Childrens Rights • Awareness and promotion of 'Inclusion' and equality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An understanding of the Playwork Principles • Experience of working with Children with additional needs • Experience of working with Children and Young People from Armed Forces Families • Knowledge and understanding of the issues and needs of the Faringdon & Wheatley community in which the sessions are based • Experience of working with local Communities and Families
Skills and Abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent oral and written communication skills • Ability to communicate well at all levels • Ability to be creative in an unstructured, Play environment • Ability to act on own initiative, to prioritise and to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of undertaking and completing Risk Assessments • Ability to collect and report information • Ability to work in partnership with community groups and other local partners • An understanding of how to promote ideas for freely

	<p>have excellent self management techniques</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to work effectively within a small team • Ability to work 'remotely' 	<p>chosen play opportunities within Communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to advocate for Childrens rights and promote participation in decision making
Personal Skills / Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent interpersonal skills with ability to relate to Children and Young People • Willingness to undertake continued Training and CPD • Be reliable, responsible and hardworking • Ability to be able to deal with all types of people • Full, clean driving licence (to attend sessions and to transport equipment) 	

We are unable to accept CV's for the role, to request an application form please contact;

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