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**SPORTS YOUTH
WORKER**





WEST YOUTH ZONE

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1125893

Hammersmith & Fulham is a neighbourhood of wide disparities, with an acute need for youth services. The north of the borough comprises many neighbourhoods in the 20% most deprived neighbourhoods in the UK, whereas in the south, many are in the least deprived. This vast difference between those living in different parts of our borough is hugely unfair and can lead to radically different life outcomes. WEST Youth Zone is a vital provision that will make a huge difference to the lives of young people, and to the whole borough, levelling the playing field for our young people.

Construction of Hammersmith & Fulham's Youth Zone, named "WEST" by local young people, is due to be completed at the end of 2023 and open in spring 2024 as the fourth OnSide Youth Zone in London. At WEST, we believe all young people in Hammersmith & Fulham should have the opportunity to discover their passion and their purpose. To find out what they've got and where it could take them. Our Youth Zone will be a purpose-built space fizzing with energy and crammed with incredible facilities. It will be staffed by skilled and dedicated youth workers who truly believe in young people in the city – helping them see what they could achieve, and giving them the skills, confidence and ambition to go for it.

Once open, we will deliver life-changing support to help thousands of young people from a diverse range of backgrounds to thrive.

Open 37 hours a week, 7 days a week, while schools are closed - that's evenings and weekends, plus all through the school holidays. We will offer a safe and active space for young people to flourish in their leisure time, where their interests can be nurtured, and they can grow as Individuals. Averaging 1,000 visits per week this is a charity that the whole community can be proud of, and you can be part of that journey.

Entry will be just 50p each visit and annual membership £5 which will give a young person access to over 20 activities per night. In addition to our open-access provision we will run targeted projects that bring specific outcomes to some of those most in need of additional support and interventions.

WEST Youth Zone will operate a proven OnSide model of youth service provision that is aligned to community needs and supported by cross-sector funding.

We give 8 –19 year-olds, (and up to 25 for young people with additional needs) affordable access to a broad range of sport, arts and employability services, designed to empower them to lead healthier, positive and more active lives – raising their aspirations for themselves and their community.

The facilities will be second to none, delivering sporting, artistic, cultural and general recreational activities each session. The outstanding quality of the facilities is a concrete demonstration of the belief that the young people of our community deserve the best.

SPORTS YOUTH WORKER - PART TIME

THE ROLE

Sport is one of the cornerstones of our work and we have some fantastic facilities for engaging young people in; including floodlit all-weather rooftop pitch, a climbing wall, a boxing gym, a state-of-the-art fitness suite, a full-sized sports hall which is capable of being transformed into basketball, netball and badminton courts, as well as housing cricket nets. We also offer martial arts and much, much more.

The role will require you to assist with either our Juniors (8 -12 years) or seniors (13 -19 years) within one or more of our sports room. We are looking for people who have experience in one of more sports disciplines. Whether it be football, basketball, tennis or cricket – we'd love to hear from you!

As a member of WEST's Sports Team you will be key in ensuring young people have access to an exciting sports programme that will be challenging, stimulating, fun, engaging and developmental. You will be involved in teaching the fundamentals of a single sport or range of sports activities to young people as well as facilitating taster sessions, competitions and challenges, which promotes engagement, skills and fitness levels.

HOURS: Part time - Various hours available to be discussed at interview

BENEFITS: 33 days holiday inclusive of bank holidays (pro-rata for part time staff); workplace pension; free gym access (once WEST has opened); access to OnSide's Talent Academy; bespoke training and mentoring.



SPORTS YOUTH WORKER – KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Reporting to Session Club Manager & Sports Coordinator

- To become part of a forward thinking, innovative and motivated team and assist with the delivery of all aspects of the youth zone sessions with young people.
- To work well in a team bringing fresh skills & ideas to the current offer.
- To motivate, encourage and support young people to try activities and participate fully in sessions.
- To support volunteers on sessions, coaching them to achieve their full potential within their given roles
- To deal with any problems that arise during Youth Zone sessions
- Develop and maintain a professional relationship with the young people who attend WEST Youth Zone.
- Understand the needs of WEST Youth Zone and communicate them in a clear, consistent way to the young people, parents and guardians.
- Work within the performance framework of WEST Youth Zone and OnSide.
- Represent WEST Youth Zone positively and effectively in all dealings with internal colleagues, and external partners;
- To be alert to issues of safeguarding and child protection, ensuring the welfare and safety of Youth Zone members is promoted and safeguarded, and to report any child protection concerns to the designated Child Protection Officers using the safeguarding policies, procedures and practice (training to be provided)
- To assist with any promotional activities and visits that take place at the Youth Zone.
- To actively promote the Youth Zone and positively contribute towards increasing Youth Zone membership;
- To adhere to WEST Youth Zone mission and deliver high quality youth work that supports young people in their personal, social and educational development.
- Comply with all policies, procedures, and codes of conduct, with particular reference to Safeguarding, Health & Safety, and Equality and Diversity.
- Any other duties that may be required

SPORTS YOUTH WORKER - CRITERIA

ESSENTIAL:

Some experience of face-to-face activity delivery working with groups of young people

Strong experience in one or more sports discipline

Some experience of working with young people from diverse backgrounds and with challenging needs

Ability to deliver a wide range of high-quality sports programmes or activity sessions with young people

Experience of working in a team

Knowledge of health and safety, diversity awareness and safeguarding best practice

Ability to plan and evaluate programs of activity including production of session plans and evaluations

Understanding of the principles of working with young people

Ability to engage and build positive relationships with young people

Ability to communicate effectively with young people, parents, team members and members of the public

Excellent organisational, communication and interpersonal skills

Ability to work on own initiative and as part of a team

Excellent timekeeper

A willingness to work unsociable hours when required

Flexible and a willingness to cover events, holidays and staff absence

Satisfactory DBS clearance and committed to safeguarding children

DESIREABLE:

Experience of working with young people with additional needs

Additional Level 1 NGB Sports Coaching Qualification

Introduction to Youth Work or Youth and Community Work Level 1

Ability to dynamic risk assess





CLOSING DATE: MONDAY 22ND JANUARY 2024

INTERVIEW DATE: SATURDAY 27TH & SUNDAY 28TH JANUARY 2024

WE REVIEW APPLICATIONS ON A ROLLING BASIS AND RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CLOSE THIS ROLE EARLY.

West Youth Zone are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people, and vulnerable groups. This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

The strength of the OnSide Network of Youth Zone is the diversity of its people, we place huge value on different people doing things in different ways and we welcome applications from what might be considered non-traditional backgrounds. The one thing we all have in common is our desire to raise the aspirations of young people across the country. We are an equal opportunity employer

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