

Post Title: Anglican Children & Youth Leader (Project Reverb)

We are seeking to appoint a Children & Youth Leader who will work in Upper Wharfedale and build on the excellent foundation that has been laid by our present Leader. We are looking for someone who **'loves Christ, loves young people and loves the Dales'**.

Ideally the role involves being resident in the area and the person willing to commit to be part of the local church and community. Help with finding accommodation is available for the right person.

This is a 28 hours per week contract (open to negotiation) requiring evening and out of school-time work, but also with some day time commitments. Some flexibility will be required to allow for school holidays.

The post holder will need a mission outlook and the necessary experience and commitment to work with church communities, children and young people, and the wider community of the Upper Wharfedale area.

This is a two year fixed contract with the option to extend. There is a six month probationary period, after which the contract will provide for three months' notice for the end of the arrangement. Salary is £17,000 including pension contributions and 5 weeks paid holiday.

Deadline for completed application forms is 12.00 noon Monday 7th November 2016.

Prime Objectives of the Post

To strengthen, enrich, develop and help consolidate Christian youth work in the Upper Wharfedale area: making contact, nourishing relationship, encouraging commitment to Christ and providing pastoral support.

To help deepen the relationship of Project Reverb with the local churches, parents and the community.

To help develop volunteers and promote Reverb to potential stakeholders.

Project Reverb does this through:

- A growing and thriving weekly after school club

- Schools work involving:

Collective Worship

School trips

Being a trusted presence in local schools

- Visits to young people in their homes

- Small discipleship groups
- Annual residential camps/trips
- Regular activities/trips (eg paintballing, bowling etc)
- Annual “Big Night Out” event at Lightwater Valley
- Developing relationships and working collaboratively with other Youthwork activities in the Dale – Pilots (at Congregational Church), Playhouse (Upper Dale drama group), Scargill House and Yorkshire Camps at Netherside Hall.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

We are now seeking to further develop the relationship of the churches and young people of the Dale.

We wish to expand the work in other locations at Rylstone, Burnsall and Kettlewell

We work collaboratively with Scargill House and their youth resources and with Yorkshire Camps at Netherside Hall, Threshfield. We see these relationships as key to the future development of the project.

The current post holder has developed the work with Primary and lower Secondary children. There is the exciting possibility of developing further the work with older secondary young people.

SUPERVISION GUIDANCE & SUPPORT

The post holder will be responsible to a Line Manager who will be one of the Anglican clergy of the area (or another appointed by that person). The line manager will also be a member of the Reverb Committee. At present this is the Priest-in-Charge of Burnsall with Rylstone/Rector of Linton.

The post holder will be part of the Anglican ministry team in the parishes of Linton, Rylstone and Burnsall.

The post holder will be expected to work in all areas agreed and to undertake such other comparable duties as may be required by the Line Manager.

There will be a small prayerful support group for the post-holder.

Diocesan and Area Youth Advisors will be available to give support and advice.

The Project Reverb Committee exists to provide a point of reference and guidance for the ecumenical nature of the work of the Youth Leader and to advise on matters of Church relationships.

The successful candidate will, following interview, be subject to advanced DBS clearance. References will be taken up and all qualification verified prior to appointment.