

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

### **Personal Profile**

The Children & Youth Leader will be an active Christian, comfortable with rural church life and will need to be a reliable, committed and self-motivated individual with a flexible but disciplined approach to work plus a sense of humour, having:

- an active and resilient Christian faith
- a prayerful approach to the role; listening to God's guidance for the work
- some proven experience in youth work essential and qualification a desired advantage
- an ability to relate to children, youth and adults, with good interpersonal and pastoral skills
- an ability to work in a secular as well as church based youth environment
- an ability to engage with schools and conduct Collective Worship with the local school communities
- an ability to liaise with churches and the wider community and help stimulate interest and involvement with the project
- an ability to plan and organise programmes and events
- an ability to manage volunteers and to access training for them
- leadership skills and ability to work collaboratively with others including other youth workers
- good communication skills with young people within a rural setting
- a current driving licence with mini bus qualification an advantage
- musical ability/sporting skills an advantage
- good administration skills
- computer literacy
- the capability to multi-task

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### **Job Description**

Ideally the role involves being resident in the area and the person willing to commit to be part of the local church and community.

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.

This is a two-year appointment in the first instance with 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. Holidays will normally be scheduled in the school holidays.

It is anticipated that at least 50% of the time will be contact time with young people. The other 50% of the time to be divided approximately equally between preparation for contact time and administration (25%) and relationship-building and advocacy with the Church communities of Upper Wharfedale (25%).

The job is within the structures and under the auspices of the Anglican Church and the post holder will work as part of the staff team of the Anglican Churches of the parishes of Linton, Rylstone and Burnsall. There is a weekly staff meeting.

The project works ecumenically and collaboratively within, with and on behalf of the Christian communities of Upper Wharfedale. As the number of Anglican communities within the Dale is significantly higher than others much of the focus of relationship building and advocacy will fall within the Anglican Church.

### **RANGE OF DUTIES**

- Bring young people together and to support them in a Christian atmosphere
- To help young people to grow in their understanding of the Christian faith and to continue to nurture those who have already made a Christian commitment, helping them make connections with a wider Christian youth scene.
- Develop activities and programmes for young people, supporting their spiritual as well as social needs.
- Maintain and administer the Project Reverb website and Instagram page.
- Liaise with local churches and help stimulate interest and involvement with the project. This will include presenting Reverb's activities in services or church meetings.
- Liaise with youth organisations, statutory and voluntary bodies and with other youth/children's/family workers in the churches/area where appropriate.
- Encourage the recruitment of volunteers to work with young people and help access appropriate training.
- Encourage and facilitate the young people, who are ready to do so, to take part in worship.

- Participate in prayer, meetings and fellowship with the Anglican team.
- Be responsible to the Line Manager
- Produce reports 3 times a year for the Reverb Committee and an annual report for the AGM.
- Regularly worship in the local church(es) as part of the Christian Community in Wharfedale