



South Tyneside Council

CHILDREN, ADULTS AND HEALTH

JOB DESCRIPTION

POST TITLE: Leaving Care Ambassador
GRADE: Band 4
RESPONSIBLE TO: Practice Manager - Leaving Care Team
RESPONSIBLE FOR: N/A

Overall Objectives of the Post:

To work in partnership with young people leaving care to ensure that they receive support to live independently in good quality accommodation, with access to appropriate education or training facilities and any other additional support required for successful independent living. To engage with Care Leavers individually and as a group to ensure that their voices are heard. To work in partnership with social work staff and managers to ensure that service design and delivery is based on the voices of Care leavers. To represent Care Leavers within the Council and to ensure that Care Leavers needs and wishes are represented. To directly advise the corporate parenting committee, where desired and the Head of Children's and Families Service.

Key Tasks of the Post:

1. ***Support the Children and Families service by sharing your insight and advice, and seeking the opinion of other children and young people. You will:***
 - Take an active role in the work you are assigned to by providing your insight, advice and suggestions.
 - Help to shape how we consult with children and young people. Presenting the views of children and young people to teams/ at meetings and events
 - Work alongside children and young people from various forums in South Tyneside, for example, MAGIC (Children in Care Council) Health Champions and Corporate Parenting Committee.

2. ***Support teams to improve services offered to children and young people including services for children looked after and Care Leavers. You will:***
 - Work in a variety of teams looking at information such as policy or performance data and considering what this means for children and young people's experience.
 - Be involved in, leading and organising group sessions with a variety of stakeholders including other young people, Social Work Staff and other professionals.
Support children and young people and others to provide feedback to improve the service.
 - Develop appropriate materials, publicity and working practices.
 - Contribute to the monitoring and evaluation of a variety of council areas and services including the WorkPlace.

3. Provide training and insight to representatives and staff. You will:

- Support and attend recruitment of new staff members, volunteers etc.
- Support and attend information and engagement sessions with elected representatives e.g. Councillors.
- Involve in training, providing expertise to help inform staff from Children's Services and partners such as Health, Education etc.

4. Communication. You will:

- Actively promote the views of care leavers and other individuals with experience of Children's Care Services in South Tyneside.
- Actively participate in corporate communications and events.
- Communicate clearly and effectively.

General

1. To carry out all the duties of the job in accordance with the local authority's policies and procedures.
2. To undertake such other duties as are within the scope of the job purpose, the title of the job and its grading.
3. To undertake, at the direction of the Leaving Care Team Manager, relevant active engagement and interactions with key stakeholders.
4. To take part in and prepare for supervision and appraisal with the Leaving Care Team Manager.

South Tyneside Council is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Successful applicants will be required to produce an Enhanced Certificate of Disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service.

All employees have a responsibility to undertake training and development as required. They also have a responsibility to help, where appropriate and necessary, with the training and development of fellow colleagues.

All employees have a responsibility of care for their own and others health and safety.

The above list is not exhaustive and other duties may be attached to the post from time to time. Variation may also occur to the duties and responsibilities without changing the general character of the post.

Reference: AN/CL

Date: 11.10.19