

People and Drugs (Silx Teen Bar)

Job Description

Post Title: Part time Detached workers

2 year fixed term contract to be extended depending on funding

Responsible to: Senior Youth Worker and member of the management team with responsibility for youth provision

Hourly rate £10 - £11.30 depending on qualifications and experience

Working Hours: The majority of the work will take place in the evenings from the hours of 5.00pm - 8.30pm or later, based on need and arrangement.

We expect to deliver three sessions a week, between Monday and Friday.

Additional hours will be available for Social Action Projects and activities.

Location: Blyth Area

General Responsibilities

To be part of a team of youth workers employed through Silx Teen Bar (People and Drugs Ltd).

To contact young people on the streets of Blyth and provide them with opportunities to meet their social, educational and recreational needs.

Principal Responsibilities

- To work closely with Senior Youth Worker and staff in order to deliver a youth provision for the young people of Blyth.
- To contact and build relationships with young people between the ages of 11-19 who are congregating on and around the streets of Blyth.
- Build and sustain meaningful working relationships, which can be used to provide opportunities for informal education, through the development of activities and projects.
- Encourage young people to utilise Silx Teen Bar evening session and Employability sessions and other Blyth based provision.
- To offer activities as a tool to build relationships and address issues of concern.
- To be aware of current issues concerning young people.
- Increase awareness of a range of issues available to young people engaging in risk taking behaviour.
- To liaise with other agencies.
- To identify the formal, informal, educational, social and recreational needs of the young people and to provide a programme of activities which is educational and fun.
- To act as a link person between the young people and other organisations.

- To prepare and evaluate each session and maintain accurate records and sessional evaluations, providing outlines of discussions with young people etc.
- To inform line manager of any Blyth based area issues of concern and developments, as well as the needs of the young people.
- To undertake any training that may become available.
- Any other appropriate duties as may be required by the organisation relating to youth work.

Personal Specification

- Experience of working with young people in a youth setting.
- Youth work qualification desirable but not essential.
- An ability to build positive relationships with young people.
- Knowledge of the needs of young people and issues affecting their lives.
- Ability to work as part of a team.
- Ability to initiate and develop relationships with colleagues and external agencies.
- Ability to work in a professional manner and maintain professional boundaries.
- Ability to use own initiative.
- Good communication skills.
- Planning, administration and time management skills.
- Experience of partnership working with other individual and organisations.
- Good sense of humour.