

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, BLACON, CHESTER

COMMUNITY OUTREACH WORKER

JOB DESCRIPTION

Context

Blacon on the Move is part of the Community Outreach Project at Holy Trinity Church. The project began in 2013 when it became clear that a local GP surgery would be moving into our church hall while their new surgery was being built, during redevelopment of land opposite the church. The project comprises a community café, alongside which other activities are run. These are currently: craft courses, knit and natter on Monday mornings and afternoons, and Thursday mornings. In addition there is a Gardening Project that meets on Tuesday mornings, and a Parent and Toddler group on Thursday afternoons. Other courses may start up in the future.

Purpose

The Outreach Worker will be running Blacon on the Move. This will involve developing links with the community, especially socially isolated people aged over 50. The worker will also drive the minibus belonging to the project, and provide transport for those with mobility problems, enabling them to access the project.

Terms

The Outreach worker will be employed by the Outreach Project Management Group, part of Holy Trinity PCC, and will be supervised by the Rector.

The worker will be employed for 15 hours per week by the Outreach Project, (although further hours may be available if, as we expect, the minibus is required by other community groups). Those hours will usually be on Monday morning and afternoon, Tuesday morning and Thursday morning. Rate of pay is £10 per hour.

This will be for a fixed term of 12 months, initially.

Main responsibilities

1. To build relationships with members of the community, especially among vulnerable people who are aged 50 and over.
2. To encourage people to attend sessions of the Outreach Project.
3. To drive the project minibus to give people lifts to and from the project sessions, keeping a record of the numbers transported..
4. To assist with project sessions as required.
5. To ensure participants complete questionnaires on entry to the project, and when required for further evaluation.
6. To work collaboratively with the existing Outreach Worker and volunteers, the church staff, and Rector.
7. To explore developing further outreach with vulnerable parts of the community.

8. To arrange bookings for use of the minibus with other community groups, and (depending on availability) to be available to drive for those events also.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Essential

Understanding and experience of community work.

Sympathy with the Christian ethos of the church.

Good driver, with clean driving licence for at least 5 years.

Ability to engage with, and to form good links with different kinds of people.

Ability to work flexibly and collaboratively with others.

This post will require an Enhanced DBS check

Desirable

Ability to show initiative and to develop new relationships in the community

Ability to listen, and to show a sympathetic and caring attitude for people in need.

Experience of working with socially isolated people.

Experience of working with volunteers.

Experience of community outreach in an area of significant socioeconomic deprivation.

For further information, please contact: Sue Mountford on 07835006834 or 01244 313799, or Linda Tudor on 01244 376085 or email office.htblacon@btinternet.com

Deadline for applications is 5.00pm on Thursday 30th November 2017.