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Candidate Information Booklet

CORE Mentor

(Ref: CM/07/17)

Closing date for applications:

12 noon on Thursday 27th July 2017



**Ashton Community Trust Job Description**

**Post:** Mentor (youth engagement)

**Location:** Ashton Centre

**Duration:** Until 31 March 2018

Hours: 37.5 per week

Salary: £24,964 per annum

Pension: 7%

JOB BACKGROUND:

This post is part of the Ashton Centre’s Core Project which will work with young people not in employment, education or training. The Mentor will be responsible for recruiting young people, carrying out an initial assessment and developing an action plan for each client. They will then have an ongoing mentoring relationship with the client to signpost them into to training and help them gain employment. Although the job is client centred each mentor will also have a set of targets which must be reached

## KEY TASKS & RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. To provide a structured programme of advice and support in career planning for young people who are NEET (Not in **E**mployment **E**ducation or **T**raining) and vulnerable to becoming long term unemployed
2. Undertake initial assessments of barriers and registrations complete assessment using agreed and bespoke diagnostic tools.  Develop and implement and individual action plans to overcome barriers to employment, outlining goals, actions and outcomes
3. Deliver employability mentoring sessions with all participants as required to remove barriers to employment, providing a safe, relaxed environment underpinned by a structured and developmental process and responding to sensitive issues in a confidential manner.
4. Effectively manage caseload and provide professional focused advice referring to other agencies/organisations as required as part of participant action plans.
5. Undertake progress reviews and ensure targets are achieved that reflect positive outcomes in relation to employment and employment-related skills development.
6. Establish and effectively maintain outreach provision of services across the area.
7. To support specific training, education, employment and work experience opportunities to promote their integration into the labour market;
8. Develop and maintain excellent working relationships with relevant employer, statutory, community and voluntary organisations.
9. Maintain accurate records of all engagements and work undertaken with participants and ensure the accuracy and completion of all administrative forms, reports etc. is provided in a timely manner.
10. Review with line manager outcomes against performance targets and reflect on practice, working to the highest professional standards.
11. Fully participate in self-evaluation reviews and quality improvement planning
12. Participate in team meetings, supervision and other team activities
13. Carry out all duties in accordance with the values and policies of Ashton Community Trust
14. To perform such other relevant tasks deemed necessary by the management team of the project to ensure the effective and efficient implementation of the project action plan

#### OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES

* Undertake any other related responsibilities commensurate with the evolving objectives of the post and the evolution of the Ashton Community Trust, as may reasonably be requested by Senior Management
* Work flexibly on evenings, weekends and during school holidays to ensure full delivery of the programme.
* Undertake training in order to develop work related skills and knowledge.
* Work with due regard for Ashton Community Trust’s core values and objectives
* Ensure the effective implementation of and adherence to, the Trust’s policies and procedures
* Participate in Ashton Community Trust’s Performance Management and Appraisal process, and agree short, medium and long term goals with line manager, and direct line staff.
* Identify learning and development needs with your line manager and evaluate T&D to demonstrate needs have been met.
* Share best practice and achievements, and contribute to opportunities to present outcomes and case studies.

**Status of the Job Description**

This job description is not incorporated into the employee’s employment contract. It is intended as a guide and should not be viewed as an inflexible specification and it may be varied from time to time in the light of strategic developments following discussion with the post holder. The post holder will be expected to work to objectives agreed with the line manager

**Ashton Community Trust Person Specification**

## Essential Criteria

1. NVQ Level 3 or above in Advice and Guidance or equivalent (Equivalent qualifications may include careers guidance, counselling etc)
2. At least one year’s proven competence in providing career/employability mentoring in both a one-to-one and in a group setting. **(Number of years experience may be increased should there be a need to facilitate manageable shortlists)**
3. Experience of working with young people Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET)
4. Excellent written and verbal communication skills
5. Ability to create and sustain effective working relationships and build consensus with key stakeholders
6. Ability using own initiative, to make effective decisions, plan and prioritise a substantial workload
7. Understanding of government welfare to work programmes
8. Proficiency in MS Office (Word, Excel, Access, Outlook, Internet Explorer)
9. Ability in working positively within a team
10. Ability to work flexible hours

# Desirable Criteria

# Understanding of relevant legislation (Employment Legislation, Disability Discrimination Act, Race Relations, Data Protection etc)

1. Qualification in benefits / welfare rights (Law centre training WRAP or equivalent)
2. Knowledge of funded programmes such as European Social Funded programmes
3. Car driver and have access to transport appropriate the post

**(Some or all of the desirable criteria may be used to shortlist applicants, should there be a need to facilitate manageable shortlists)**

**Guidance for Making your Application**

The application form is designed to ensure that applicants provide the necessary information to determine how they meet the competition requirements and the essential/desirable criteria.

* The space available on the application form is the same for all applicants and must not be altered.
* Ashton Community Trust will not accept CV’s, letters, additional pages or any other supplementary material in place of or in addition to, completed application forms.
* Applicants must complete the application form in black typescript.
* Applicants must not reformat their application form.
* Information in support of your application will not be accepted after the closing date for receipt of applications.
* Relevant or equivalent qualifications – if you believe your qualification is equivalent to the one required, the onus is on you to provide the panel with details of modules studied, etc. so the panel can make a well-informed decision.
* It is essential that all applicants demonstrate on their application form how and to what extent their experience and skills are relevant to this post and the extent to which they satisfy each of the essential and desirable criterion specified. If you do not provide sufficient detail, including the appropriate dates needed to meet the criteria, the selection panel will reject your application.
* The examples you provide should be concise and relevant to the criteria. This is very important as these may be discussed at interview and you may need to be prepared to talk about them in detail if you are invited to interview. It is your unique role that the panel are interested in, not that of your team or division.
* Ashton Community Trust will not make assumptions from the title of the applicants post or the nature of the organisation, as to the skills and experience gained.

**Application Form Submission**

* Completed applications can be submitted by:
	+ Email to HR@ashtoncentre.com post or delivered by hand to HR, Ashton Centre, 5 Churchill Street, Belfast, BT15 2BP.
* We will not accept incomplete application forms; application forms received after the closing deadline or reformatted application forms.
* Please only return the application form, monitoring form and Disclosure of Criminal Convictions Form.
* Applicants using Royal Mail should note that 1st class mail does not guarantee next day delivery. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that sufficient postage has been paid to return the form to Ashton Community Trust to meet the required deadlines.
* Ashton Community Trust will not accept application forms where there has been a shortfall in postage.
* Should you have any queries please contact HR on 02890 742255.

**Interview Guidance for Applicants**

At interview, the selection panel will assess candidates against the competencies, qualifications and experience for the post.

If this is your first experience of a competence-based interview, bear in mind that it does not require you to:

* Talk through previous jobs from start to finish
* Provide generalised information as to your background and experience.
* Provide information that is not specifically relevant to the competence the question is designed to test.

A competence based interview does however require you to:

* Focus exclusively, in your responses, on your ability to fulfil the competences required for the effective performance in the role.
* Provide specific examples of your experience in relation to the required competence areas.

**Disability Requirements**

Ashton Community Trust will ask on the application form if you require any reasonable adjustments, due to disability, to enable you to attend any part of the assessment process. Details of any disability are only used for this purpose and do not form part of the selection process. If you are successful in the selection process and are being considered for appointment, you may be required to outline any adjustments you consider necessary in order for you to take up appointment. If you wish to discuss your disability requirements further, please contact HR on 02890 742255.

**Feedback**

Ashton Community Trust is committed to providing feedback in respect to decisions taken in determining eligibility/shortlisting as well as at interview. Feedback will be communicated on receipt of a written request.

**Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form**

**Please note this form is regarded as part of your application and failure to complete and return it will result in disqualification.**

The information is used for monitoring purposes only. All applications for employment are considered strictly on the basis of merit.

Ashton Community Trust complies with relevant Equal Opportunities legislation and policies.

Please complete the monitoring form and return in a separate envelope marked ‘Monitoring Officer’.

Prior to appointment with Ashton Community Trust the following will be required:

* Proof of qualifications
* Proof of eligibility to work in the UK
* Personal ID
* ACCESS NI check depending on role.

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**Confidential**

Ashton Community Trust

Ashton Centre, 5 Churchill Street, Belfast BT15 2BP

Reference: **CORE Mentor**

**Employment Application Form**

Please complete this application form in **typescript** **only** and return it on or before the closing date stated. Late applications will not be accepted. Only information provided on this application form will be considered by the panel. CV’s will not be accepted.

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| **Post applied for:** | **CORE Mentor** | **Application Number:** | **CM/07/17** |
| **Hours:** | **37.5 hours per week** |
| **Closing Date and Time:** | **Thursday 27th July 2017 at 12 noon** |

**Personal Details:**

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| **Surname:** | **Telephone Number (Home):** |
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| **Forename(s):** | **Telephone Number (Mobile):** |
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| **Title:** | **Email Address:** |
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| **Address:** | **Postcode:** |
| **NI Number:** |  |
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**Relevant Qualifications and/or Professional Membership**

Original proof of qualifications will be requested if recommended for appointment

 (Please continue on a separate sheet of necessary)

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| **Examination level** **(for example, GCSE/’A’ Level/Degree/NVQ/** | **Subject(s)** | **Grade** | **Date Gained** |
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| **Professional Qualifications** | **Registration Body/Number** |  | **Date Gained** |
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**Employment History**

Please give details of jobs that you have held, starting with your present or most recent employer and work backwards, in chronological order. Include in this section any breaks in employment history for example, caring responsibilities, travelling or returning to study, registered unemployment and temporary/voluntary employment. (Please continue on a separate sheet if required)

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| **Name and Address of Employer and Nature of Business** | **From**  | **To** | **Job Title:** | **Final Salary and Reason for Leaving** |
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| **Notice required if offered the position for which you have applied?** |

**Training**

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| **Details of relevant training courses attended and awards achieved, including dates if appropriate** |
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**Suitability for this position**

Please detail your suitability for this position under the relevant headings below, describing how your experience and knowledge relates to the job description and person specification.You must ensure that you provide sufficient information on the application form to enable the selection panel to assess your eligibility at shortlisting.

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| **Essential Criteria** |
| **1. Please tell the panel about your NVQ Level 3 or above in Advice and Guidance or equivalent (Equivalent qualifications may include careers guidance, counselling etc)** |
| **2. Please demonstrate at least one year’s proven competence in providing career/employability mentoring in both a one-to-one and in a group setting. (Number of years’ experience may be increased should there be a need to facilitate manageable shortlists)** |
| **3. Please demonstrate your experience of working with young people Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET);** |
| **4. Please demonstrate how you have excellent written and verbal communication skills;** |
| **5. Please demonstrate your ability to create and sustain effective working relationships and build consensus with key stakeholders;** |
| **6. Please demonstrate your ability using own initiative, to make effective decisions, plan and prioritise a substantial workload;** |
| **7. Please demonstrate your understanding of government welfare to work programmes;**  |
| **8. Please tell the panel of your excellent IT skills with experience database systems including; ability to use MS office (Word, Excel) Internet and Email;** |
| **9. Please demonstrate how you can work positively within a team;** |
| **10. Please tell the panel if you can work flexible hours** |
| ***Desirable Criteria - One or all of the desirable criteria may be used to shortlist applicants*** |
| **11. Qualification in benefits / welfare rights (Law centre training WRAP or equivalent)** |
| **12. Knowledge of funded programmes such as European Social Funded programmes**  |
| **13. Car driver and have access to transport appropriate the post** |
| I confirm that the information I have given is accurate and complete, as misleading or false statements will result in the withdrawal of the offer of employment, or if employed dismissal.**Signed…………………………………………………Date…………………………………..** |
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| **Data Protection Act:** |
| Under the Data Protection Act 1998, Ashton Community Trust is required to notify applicants and prospective employees on how their personal data will be processed and used. This application form, excluding the equal opportunities monitoring form, will be retained by Ashton Community trust for a maximum period of 12 months, unless you are the successful applicant for the post, in which case the application form will become part of your employee record. Some of the data you provide is considered to be Sensitive Personal Data under the Data Protection Act 1998, this information will be used to assist us with recruitment monitoring. It will be held separately from application forms and will be retained for a three-year period under obligations arising from the NI Equality Legislation, it will also be held electronically.by Signing this form you are giving consent to Ashton Community Trust to use this data in the way described above.**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |

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| **Personal Statement:** |
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| Ashton Community Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer. The Trust encourages applications from people with disabilities and will not preclude full consideration of your application as a result of your disability. In accordance with the Disability Discrimination Act a person is disabled if they have, or have had, “a physical or mental impairment which has, or has had, a substantial and long-term adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities”. Do you consider yourself to have, or, have had a disability that is relevant to your job application? **Yes/No** If you have answered yes, is there anything we should know about your disability or requirements in order to: * Process your application fairly,
* Make any specific arrangements for your interview, and
* Make any necessary reasonable adjustments or adaptations, or provide any aids to assist you in completing the duties of the post.

Provide details:  |

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**Private and Confidential**

The following pages will not be used as part of the selection process as they contain information that is strictly private and confidential.

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| **Referees** |
| Please give full details of two people (not relatives) that we can approach for references, one of which must be your current or most recent employer, if you have never been employed before please list details of someone who would know you in a voluntary or academic capacity. Please ensure that your referees are aware of this application, and, also, if you are providing us with their email address, that you obtain your referee’s permission to do so. References must be satisfactory to Ashton Community Trust |

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| **Reference** |
| **Name:** |  |
| **Occupation:** |  |
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| **Reference** |
| **Name:** |  |
| **Occupation** |  |
| **Full Address:** |  |
| **Telephone Number:** |  |
| **Email:** |  |

I give Ashton Community Trust the right to investigate all references and to secure additional information about me, if job related. I hereby release from liability the employer and its representatives for seeking such information and all other persons, corporations or organizations for furnishing such information. I have read and understood the requirements and particulars for the job, which have been supplied to me. I further understand that the job offer may be subject to the satisfactory outcome of references and/or a satisfactory Access NI Disclosure.

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| I confirm that the information I have given is accurate and complete, as misleading or false statements will result in the withdrawal of the offer of employment, or if employed dismissal.**Signed…………………………………………………Date…………………………………..** |

**Strictly Private And Confidential Reference No. CM/07/17**

**Disclosure of Criminal Convictions under the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Exceptions) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979**

All applicants must complete this form and return in an envelope marked **confidential** to **Human Resources, Ashton Centre, 5 Churchill Street, Belfast, BT15 2BP.**

**Post:** **CORE Mentor**

Please read the following information carefully and then answer the questions:

**Commitment for Fair Selection**

Ashton Community Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer, unprejudiced consideration will be given to all candidates for employment who declare criminal convictions unless the offence(s) is/are manifestly incompatible with the post in question. Any disclosure will be seen in the context of the job criteria, the nature of the offence and the responsibility for the care of existing clients and employees.

**Rehabilitation of Offenders (Exceptions) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979**

Because of the nature of the work you are applying for (staff employed by Ashton Community Trust will/may have substantial or unsupervised access to children and young people, older people and/or the mentally or physically disabled).

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| Do you have any convictions that are not ‘protected’ (as defined by the Rehabilitation of Offenders (exceptions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1979, as amended in 2014)? | Yes | No |

If yes, please give details of date(s), offence(s) and sentence(s) passed:

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**Please provide any other information you feel is relevant:**

This may include a description of your circumstances at the time, how your situation may have changed, positive outcomes arising from the conviction such as training received during a period of custody and/or why we should disregard the conviction.

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If you are applying for a post which involves contact with either children, young people or vulnerable adults, please also confirm that you are not listed on either of the following lists (as appropriate)

I confirm that I am not listed on the children’s barred list Yes No

I confirm that I am not listed on the adult’s barred list Yes No

**Notice to Applicants**

Please place the completed form in the confidential envelope supplied, seal and return with your application form. If you have downloaded your application form and will be Emailing it, please place the Criminal Convictions form in a confidential envelope, stating that it is for the purposes of the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Exceptions) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979 and post it for the attention of **HR** please mark the envelope strictly confidential.

After the interview stage the selection panel will open the envelope of the candidate who received the highest score and separate arrangements will be made to discuss any criminal convictions. All other envelopes will be shredded.

I can confirm to the best of my knowledge, the information given on this form is true and complete.

**Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Warning: Failure to provide correct information may affect your application. We do not wish to exclude ex-offenders but we must ensure that the offence(s) that lead to conviction(s) is/are not manifestly incompatible with the post in question.

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**MONITORING FORM JOB REFERENCE NO: CM/07/17**

**MONITORING QUESTIONNAIRE UNDER THE ASHTON COMMUNITY TRUST’S EQUAL OPPORTUNITY POLICY**

**IN CONFIDENCE, USED FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES ONLY**

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**1 COMMUNITY BACKGROUND**

I am a member of the Protestant community

I am a member of the Roman Catholic community

I am not a member of either the Protestant or the Roman Catholic

community

**2**  **ETHNIC ORIGIN**

WhiteBlack Other

Irish TravellerChinese

Pakistani Indian

Black CaribbeanMixed Group

Black AfricanOther

**3** **GENDER**

Female Male

**4** **MARITAL STATUS**

Married Single Widowed Separated Cohabiting

**5** **DISABILITY**

Under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1995* you are deemed to be a disabled person if you have cancer, multiple sclerosis or HIV infection.

Also, you are deemed to be a disabled person if you have a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on your ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

**Do you consider that you are a disabled person?**

Yes:  No: 

**If you answered “yes”, please indicate the nature of your impairment by ticking the appropriate box or boxes below:**

**Physical impairment**, such as difficulty using

your arms, or mobility issues requiring you to use

a wheelchair or crutches:

**Sensory impairment**, such as being blind or

having a serious visual impairment, or being deaf

or having a serious hearing impairment:

**Mental health condition**, such as depression

or schizophrenia:

**Learning disability or difficulty**, such as

Down’s Syndrome or dyslexia, or **Cognitive impairment**,

such as autistic spectrum disorder:

**Long-standing or progressive illness or health condition**,

such as cancer, HIV infection, diabetes, epilepsy or

chronic heart disease:

**Other** (please specify):

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**When you have completed this questionnaire, please return it in the envelope provided to:**

**The Monitoring Officer,**

**ASHTON COMMUNITY TRUST,**

**5 CHURCHILL STREET, BELFAST BT15 2BP**

