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The Bytes Project

The Filor Building, Twin Spires Complex

155 Northumberland Street, Belfast BT13 2JF

Position: **Communications Officer**

**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.

“A candidate found to have knowingly given false information or to have wilfully suppressed any material fact will be liable to disqualification, or if appointed, to dismissal.”

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| **Post applied for:** | ***Communications Officer*** | **Application Reference:** | ***BP/CO/1017/*** |
| **Hours:** | ***16 Hours*** | | |
| **Closing Date and Time:** | ***Friday 13th October 2017*** | | |

**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

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| **Professional Qualifications** | **Registration Body/Number** |  | **Date Gained** |
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| **Examination level**  **(for example, GCSE/’A’ Level/Degree/NVQ** | **Subject(s)** | **Grade** | **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 & Brief Description of Duties:** | **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 below how you meet the essential criteria.

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| **Essential Criteria** |
| 1. **Experience of internal and external communications in a community, project or organisation.** |
| 1. **Experience of website and social media administration.** |
| 1. **Experience of writing press releases.** |
| 1. **The post holder must be computer literate and in particular have experience of MS Office including, Outlook, Word and Excel** |
| 1. **The post holder should have excellent communication skills and be able to produce reports.** |
| 1. **Flexibility and an ability to multi-task.** |
| ***Desirable Criteria - One or all of the desirable criteria may be used to shortlist applicants*** |
| 1. **Experience of communications on an EU/PEACE funded project.** |
| 1. **Experience of youth work.** |
| 1. **Experience of communications in the charity sector.** |
| 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, The Bytes Project 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 The Bytes Project 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 The Bytes Project to use this data in the way described above.  **Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |

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| **Personal Statement:** |
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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 The Bytes Project |

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| **Reference** | |
| **Name:** |  |
| **Occupation:** |  |
| **Full Address:** |  |
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I give The Bytes Project 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. *BP/CO/1017/***

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

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

**Commitment for Fair Selection**

The Bytes Project 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 The Bytes Project 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, Administration will 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.

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.

