***Clonard Monastery Youth Centre***

**CLONARD MONASTERY YOUTH CENTRE**

**YOUTH SUPPORT WORKER**

**This is a temporary post available until 31 December 2017 (Maternity Cover)**

**POST:** Youth Support Worker

**REQUIREMENTS:** Applicants must at the closing date hold Introduction to Youth Work OCN level 2 and Programme Development OCN level 3 or equivalent or a higher relevant examination qualification and have a minimum of one years experience in a youth work setting.

Preference may be given to those applicants who can show evidence of having delivered and developed areas of the youth work curriculum.

**DUTIES:** As attached

**HOURS:** 6 per week

**HOURLY RATE:** £8.7532 - £9.7313 per hour. JNC pts 4 - 7

**Posts involving work in educational institutions are subject to the provisions of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (NI) Order 2007.**

**The successful applicant will require an enhanced disclosure check.**

The closing date for receipt of application forms is

**12.00 NOON ON FRIDAY 31 July 2017**

**Please return completed application forms to Barry Fegan, Clonard Monastery Youth Centre, 1a Clonard Gardens, Belfast. Applications can be hand delivered to the reception in the Monastery. Email copies will not be accepted.**

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**Job Description:** Youth Support Worker

**Responsible to:** Youth Worker-in-charge

**Job purpose:** The person appointed will be responsible for the development and implementation of specific face to face youth work, targeting and working within the priorities set by management, in consultation with staff and young people, as well as being responsible for acting up as youth worker in charge the centre at times when the Youth Worker in Charge is unavailable.

**Main duties and responsibilities**

1. To undertake and act up in the role of youth worker in charge when required, assisting with the management and delivery of a youth work curriculum under the direction of the youth worker in charge.
2. To assist with and coordinate the additional opening hours provided with this post to include working Friday evenings until 12 midnight.
3. To work directly with young people to develop their social education by providing programmes of activities, related to the ‘Model for Effective Practice’.
4. Ensure that young people play an active role in the youth group and work towards a model of youth participation.
5. Communicate effectively and develop a rapport with young people.
6. Assist in the development of relationships with the wider community and external agencies.
7. Assist young people to express and realize their goals.
8. Enable young people to work effectively in groups.
9. Challenge oppressive behaviour in young people.
10. Provide information and support to young people.
11. Encourage young people to broaden their horizons and be active citizens.
12. Support young people in evaluating youth work activities and the impact of youth work on their development.
13. Implement the centre’s Child Protection Policy and work with young people to safeguard their welfare and the welfare of others.
14. Assist with administrative duties within the unit/project.

**Other duties**

1. To carry out such duties, as may be assigned by the Youth Worker-in-charge, within the level of the post.

Personnel Specification

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|  | **Essential** | **Desirable** |
| **Qualifications** | OCN Level 2 in Youth Work and OCN level 3 Programme development or equivalent qualification.  | Hold. |
| **Experience** | Have Have a minimum of 1 years experience in a youth work setting. Show evidence of experience in centre based youth work.  |   |
| **Knowledge/Skills** | Show evidence of planning and facilitating programmes of activity for young people based on the Model for effective Practice and the NI Youth work curriculum. |  |
| **Personal Qualities** | ComCCommitment to equality and challenging all forms of discrimination  Enthusiasm and commitment to the aims and ethos of Clonard Monastery Youth Centre.WillinAbility and willingness to work unsociable hours including evenings, weekends and holiday |  |