

## Our Mission

The Centre works with homeless young people, badly housed families, refugees, asylum seekers and migrants; helping them to obtain employment and break out of the cycle of homelessness and exclusion.

## The Family Centre

During the week, our Family Service provides a range of programmes for local families trying to live on low incomes, including Homework Club and After School Club.

On Saturday afternoons, 1– 3.30pm we welcome local families and children under 12 to the Family Centre. There will be fun, learning activities and games for everyone to join in on and refreshments to enjoy.

## Summary of role

We are looking for volunteers to help us provide this programme. Here are two ways you can help:

- 1) Do you have a skill or talent to share with a group? It could be anything! Juggling, singing, dance, a form of therapy or massage, music, something crafty! Give us a call and we can discuss what you would like to do (we have a small budget for materials)
- 2) Helpers, who can encourage and support the parents and children and work with the staff to deliver a successful afternoon.

## How does this role make a difference?

You can be involved in delivering a vital service to local families who may have limited opportunities to engage with play and creative activities. Some families do not have a space where their children can freely play, so this is a great resource and an opportunity for all to interact with new people.

## What will you be doing?

### Helper role:

- Welcoming families and children
- Helping to set up the space before families arrive
- Encouraging, supporting and engaging children in the activities
- Helping with getting refreshments ready
- Helping to clear away at the end of the day

### **Leading on an activity:**

- Visit the Centre to discuss activity, planning and delivery with Family Support Coordinator
- On the day, arrive early to set up activity and clear away

### **What are we looking for?**

- You are friendly, enthusiastic and enjoy interacting with families and children.
- If you have a skill or talent to share, you have some experience of presenting to a group.
- Good spoken and written English needed – at least Entry Level 3.

### **What is the time commitment?**

The winter term will run from Sat 7 January – Sat 1 April (with a half term break on 18 Feb). We would like a commitment of at least one Saturday afternoon a month. We will operate a rota system so you can always book yourself in for more!

### **How will you be supported?**

- You will be supported by Family Services Manager and Family Support Co-ordinator
- You will receive a Centre induction (1 hour)
- You will receive a half days training on safeguarding and professional boundaries.
- You will be reimbursed for reasonable and agreed 'out of pocket' expenses such as travel and for lunch if working a full day.

### **What is the recruitment procedure?**

Application form> Informal interview> ideally two reference checks> trial period

### **Contact Information**

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