



Adventure Playworker

Job Description

JOB TITLE:	Adventure Playworker
ACCOUNTABLE TO:	Management Committee
RESPONSIBLE TO:	Playground Manager & Senior Playworker

Salary: £25,480 pro rata (0.5 FTE)

(Amounting to £13,104 total for 18 hours a week)

Contract:

Hours: 18 hours per week (over 3 days) - additional hours available over school holidays and possible other opportunities.

Annual leave: 28 days including public holidays pro rata

Job Summary:

Shadwell Community Project (SCP) is a charity delivering play sessions at Glamis Adventure Playground in Shadwell, providing free, open access, inclusive play opportunities for children aged 5 – 15. Playworkers work as a team to facilitate a varied range of high quality play opportunities. Our work is underpinned by the Playwork Principles and supporting the child's right to play. All staff work within SCP policies and procedures.

The Adventure Playworker will:

Work as directed by the manager, undertaking specific responsibilities as negotiated and agreed. Working as part of a team requires the cooperation of all Playworkers, with each Playworker being motivated and proactive, using their own skills and experience to ensure play opportunities are varied and the site is welcoming to children. The majority of play takes place outside so playworkers need to be prepared to work outdoors in all weathers. Play sessions run during term and holiday time, weekdays and evenings.

Key Tasks:

- Work with other playworkers to ensure the delivery of quality inclusive play opportunities.
- Ensure safety and well being of children and young people attending the sessions.

- Provide appropriate play props and ensure the environment offers a range of play opportunities and materials, this includes preparing the site at the start of the session and packing down at the end
- Use appropriate intervention styles to support a range of play types
- Carry out day-to-day record-keeping and observations of children playing to improve quality and range of play offered
- Attend meetings with line manager and other project staff as appropriate.
- Carry out all responsibilities and activities within an equal opportunities framework.
- Work within agreed policies
- Any other duties as required

Person Specification:

Essential:

- Minimum of 1 year's experience working with children and young people aged 5-15 on an Adventure Playground or play-based setting. Extensive informal experience may also be considered.
- Ability to provide and facilitate a range of play opportunities and activities
- An understanding of and commitment to good quality play
- Basic awareness of health and safety practices
- Experience of record-keeping and observations
- A commitment to equal opportunities
- Good communication skills
- Ability to work in a team
- Ability to meet children's individual needs
- Ability to work on own initiative
- Willingness to attend training as required

Desirable:

- A qualification of Cache/ NVQ level 2 or equivalent in Playwork or JNC recognised qualification in Youth and Community work or equivalent qualification
- Experience in working on an offsite capacity
- Experience of working with volunteers
- Experience of play in a variety of settings
- First aid qualification
- Ability to speak one of the main languages spoken in Tower Hamlets other than English
- BSL or Makaton experience
- Basic cooking skills
- Basic knowledge of construction