

YOUTH OUTREACH WORKER (FULL TIME)

ABOUT THE ORGANISATION

Ascension Trust (AT) is a Registered Charity founded by Reverend Les Isaac OBE in 1993 with a mission to empower the church to respond effectually to the call of being "salt and light" in their community, city and nation. As a Christian inter-denominational organisation with an emphasis on faith working through love, Ascension Trust seeks to improve the quality of life of the disadvantaged and vulnerable irrespective of background or belief.

Ascension Trust operates as the umbrella body for Street Pastors, School & College Pastors, Prayer Pastors, Word-4-Weapons, Urban Mission and several other projects locally and abroad. Ascension Commercial Ltd (ACom) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of AT and serves to source and sell uniforms to all local Street Pastors Initiatives and to develop other merchandise to promote the work of AT.

PURPOSE OF THE JOB

The post holder, under the leadership and guidance of Ascension Trust, will focus approximately 60% of their time on planning and delivering programmes to engage the youth in Lambeth, paying primary focus on Blenheim Gardens, Tulse Hill and the local area around King's Acre.

The post holder will seek to engage young people in finding ways and opportunities to reach their full potential and make a positive contribution to the communities in which they live. Where possible this will be through working in partnership with other community youth programmes and/or other organisations.

40% of the post holder's time will be spent working with the Lambeth Methodist circuit, through the existing Youth United Worship programme and the Sunday Schools in individual churches. The aim is to develop and disciple the young people who are currently attending the churches in Lambeth. They would equip the youth to be active in their journey of the Christian Faith, primarily focussing on young members of the church by teaching, inspiring and enabling them to grow in their faith and discipling them to become young leaders who demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ to others.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Key Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Identify, recruit, train, supervise and model good practice with interns, volunteers and young leaders.
2. Befriend and support young people in different settings.
3. Pray regularly for and with the young people in your care and influence.
4. Identify, recruit, train, inspire and model good practice with emerging leaders.
5. Mentor young people both 1-1 and through small group activities to grow in the Word of God and respond to the call of Christ on their lives.
6. Actively build relationships with young people to encourage a deepening of Christian

maturity, including visit of young people and their families.

7. Provide pastoral care and support for young people.
8. Pray regularly for and with the young people in your care and influence.
9. Demonstrate a passion to reach out and engage with young people in the community.
10. Identify and engage young people who may be unknown to the church community and hidden from society. This will include undertaking detached youth work and work with other organisations such as statutory services.
11. Desire to be an active member of the Methodist community with regular attendance at public worship on a Sunday morning.
12. Demonstrate a passion for scripture and belief that God has called you to teach it in a way that leads young people to faith in Jesus.
13. Work alongside Ascension Trust's Youth Development Officer on the annual Urban Youth Mission initiative.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Essential Qualifications, Skills and Competencies:

1. Recognised Youth Work qualification or substantial youth work experience.
2. A committed and open Christian faith and willingness to work within the Methodist Church network/circuit and the wider church community.
3. Spiritual and emotional maturity - able to cope with the challenges of active ministry.
4. Strong leadership skills including ability to work on own initiative and as part of the circuit team.
5. Effective interpersonal and communication skills including presentation/public speaking and effective listening skills.
6. Organisation and management skills to coordinate others supporting the programmes.
7. Ability to maintain discretion and confidentiality.
8. Comply with an enhanced DBS check.
9. Flexibility in working hours which will include evenings and weekends.
10. Competency in working with new technology including the Internet and social media.
11. Competency in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook.

Desirable Qualifications, Skills and Competencies:

1. At least 3 years' recent experience in discipling young people and emerging Christian leaders and modelling good discipleship practice either in a paid or voluntary capacity.
2. Evidence of a range of personal interests relevant to young people.
3. Current driving licence and access to a car.

SALARY: £21,000 per annum

WORKING HOURS: 35 hours a week, some in normal working hours, but also involving regular evening and weekend working.

To apply: Please request an application form by emailing hr@ascensiontrust.org.uk, by telephone on 020 8330 2809, or by writing to Ascension Trust, Alpha House, Alpha Place, Garth Road, Morden, London, SM4 4TQ.

Closing Date: Friday 18 August 2017