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FOREST SCHOOL PRACTITIONERS: Job Description

Get Out More CIC is a social enterprise on a mission to help people engage with nature to feel better in mind and body. We run outdoor programmes, including forest schools, outdoor play and community engagement programmes for people of all ages across parts of West and North Yorkshire. We use local woodlands, parks and natural spaces to bring people together, be active and feel good, working towards our vision: communities and nature growing healthier together.

The Forest School Play Project is a Better Start Bradford Project. The project is being delivered by Get Out More. The Better Start Bradford programme is supported by the Big Lottery fund, using National Lottery funding to help children in Bowling and Barkerend, Bradford Moor and Little Horton get the best start in life

Thanks to this new commission, we are keen to appoint two Forest School Practitioners who can deliver exciting forest school and outdoor play programmes for children aged 0-3 and their parents. We are looking for two friendly, dedicated and proactive individuals who enjoy working with very young children and can share their love of forest school and the outdoors with people from a range of backgrounds.

The Forest School Practitioners will run regular, accessible and engaging free forest school and outdoor play activities in woodlands and outdoor spaces in the Better Start Bradford area (Bowling & Barkerend, Bradford Moor and Little Horton). The programme aims to bring people and communities together to take part in positive activities which promote health and wellbeing, support local people to develop skills and improve and celebrate local woodlands and greenspaces.

If you are a great forest school practitioner and wish to join a small, friendly team that works hard to make a real difference to communities, we would like to hear from you.

Job Title: Forest School Practitioner (Lead)
Job purpose: Developing and leading forest school and outdoor play activities in Better Start Bradford area
Hours: 20 hours per week on a flexible basis
Salary: £20,000 pro rata
Contract: 3 years (includes probationary period 2 months)

Job Titles Forest School Practitioner (Support)
Job purpose: Developing and supporting forest school and outdoor play activities in Better Start Bradford area
Hours: 16 hours per week on a flexible basis
Salary: £17,500 pro rata
Contract: 3 years (includes probationary period 2 months)



Both roles

Reporting to: Get Out More Managing Director
Place of work: Locations around Bowling & Barkerend, Bradford Moor and Little Horton in Bradford.
Office base: Airedale Enterprise Services, Sunderland St, Keighley, BD21 5LE

Main duties

Forest School Practitioner (Lead)

- Take a lead on developing awareness of the programme through liaising with local early years providers, community organisations and the Better Start Bradford team
- Work with Get Out More's Managing Director to develop an exciting programme of outdoor play and forest schools sessions in line with the Better Start Bradford Forest School Play Project delivery model
- Take a lead in session delivery

Forest School Practitioner (Support)

- Assist the Lead Practitioner in developing the programme
- When working with the Lead Practitioner, support delivery, and (if Level 3 qualified) lead sessions on other occasions

Both roles

- Deliver a series of taster sessions in early years settings to gain trust, develop knowledge and interest in forest school and outdoor play
- Deliver a series of 10 week forest school play programmes with early years providers, both on site and in local parks, woodlands and green spaces
- Deliver non-accredited training sessions for parents and early years staff to develop skills, ideas and confidence in outdoor play
- Offer a range of age-appropriate games, crafts and activities in line with Get Out More policies and procedures and forest school principles
- Keep accurate and up to date monitoring records and return these in a timely fashion
- Collect evaluation data to inform the Better Start Bradford and Born in Bradford Innovation Hub research process
- Attend team and line management meetings
- Work on Get Out More other programmes as required, depending on availability

Person specification

Qualifications

- Lead Practitioners must be Forest School Level 3 qualified including up to date Outdoor First Aid qualification (min 16 hours).
- Support practitioner can be either qualified to Forest School Level 2 or 3 or in process of completing level 3 qualification at the time of application
- Satisfactory Enhanced DBS check



Essential criteria

- Highly skilled forest school practitioner with a passion for working in the outdoors and enthusiasm to share it with others
- Enjoy working with very young children from a range of backgrounds and commitment to supporting their physical, social and emotional development through forest school and outdoor play activities
- Experience of working with hard to reach families
- Skilled and knowledgeable in a range of age-appropriate outdoor activities including games, and crafts, and able to share skills in line with good practice policies and procedures
- A good communicator, friendly and polite and able enthuse and motivate others
- Good planning and organisational skills and able to work to deadlines,
- Proactive at prioritising, problem solving and getting things done
- Have access to own transport to reach settings
- Able to use judgement and intellect to work on own initiative
- Friendly and polite with excellent people skills and a sense of humour
- A team player with a willingness to work co-operatively within communities
- Committed to Get Out More's vision and the success of the venture

Application:

If you feel you have the skills and experience to be one of our Forest School Practitioners, please email Annie Berrington (annie@getoutmorecic.co.uk) with a CV (max 2 sides of A4) and covering letter outlining which role you are applying for (Lead or Support Practitioner), what you can bring to Get Out More and examples of how you meet the job specification.

Include the names and contact details of 2 people, at least one of whom should be a recent employer, who are able to provide references relating to your work and on your suitability for this post

Deadline: 5pm Friday 16 February 2018

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for interview and to participate in a practical forest school session, held during the week of 26 February.

