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Job Description: OUTDOOR PLAY / FOREST SCHOOL PRACTITIONER

Job Title:	Outdoor Play / Forest School Practitioner
Job purpose:	To provide outdoor play/ forest school sessions in parks, woodlands and greenspaces for children and families in Bradford and Keighley
Hours:	37.5 hours per week worked on a flexible basis but will include most Saturdays
Salary:	£20,400 per annum plus pension contribution
Contract:	1 year with intention to extend dependent on funding, (includes probationary period of 2 months)
Start date:	September 2019
Reporting to:	Get Out More Managing Director
Work location:	Working from home and in locations around Bradford and Keighley
Office base:	Airedale Enterprise Services, Sunderland St, Keighley, BD21 5LE

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 West 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 being delivered by Get Out More. It is an exciting forest school and outdoor play programme for 3-year-old children and their parents. The Better Start Bradford programme is funded by a National Lottery grant, from the National Lottery Community Fund to help children in Bowling and Barkerend, Bradford Moor and Little Horton get the best start in life.

Big Local is an exciting opportunity for residents in 150 areas around England to use at least £1m each to make a massive and lasting positive difference to their communities. Keighley Big Local has commissioned Get Out More to deliver **All for Play**, a programme of free outdoor play in parks, woodlands and greenspaces across the Keighley Big Local area, helping to meet their aim to increase play opportunities for all.

The Get Out More team have been successfully running the Forest School Play Project and All for Play for 1.5 and 2.5 years respectively and due to the success of both programmes are seeking an additional worker who can supplement our delivery in Bradford and Keighley. We are looking for a friendly, dedicated and proactive individual who enjoys working with children and can share their love of outdoor play and nature with people from a range of backgrounds.

The Practitioner will run regular, accessible and engaging free forest school and outdoor play activities in parks, woodlands and outdoor spaces in the Better Start Bradford area (Bowling & Barkerend, Bradford Moor and Little Horton) and the Keighley Big Local area (roughly Keighley East ward). Due to the way the post is funded they will split their time as follows:

Forest School Play Project: 75% of time. Approximately 6 sessions per week

All for Play: 25% of time. Approximately 2 sessions per week



Main duties

- Take a lead in planning and developing a series of daytime, after school and weekend play sessions for children and their families in the Better Start Bradford area
- Support the forest school practitioners to develop and deliver forest school and outdoor play sessions in the Keighley Big Local area
- Develop awareness of the programmes in the Better Start Bradford area through liaising with local providers and community organisations
- Engage the local community through marketing, attending community events and other activities organised by either Better Start Bradford or Keighley Big Local
- Facilitate a range of games and activities ensuring sessions are engaging, age appropriate, fun and adhere to Get out More's policies and procedures
- Ensure project monitoring is completed and submitted in line with the requirements of the funders
- Attend team and line management meetings and appraisals
- Work on other Get Out More programmes as required, depending on availability

Person specification

Essential criteria

- Skilled and experienced level 3 qualified outdoor play / forest school practitioner with a passion for working in the outdoors and enthusiasm to share it with others
- Satisfactory Enhanced DBS check
- Enjoy working with children (including very young children on the Better Start Bradford project) from a range of backgrounds and commitment to supporting their physical, social and emotional development through outdoor play / forest school 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 to 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

Desirable criteria

- Forest School Level 3 qualification including up to date Outdoor First Aid qualification

Application:

If you feel you have the skills and experience to join our team, please email Annie Berrington (annie@getoutmorecic.co.uk) with a CV (max 2 sides of A4) and covering letter outlining what you can bring to Get Out More and specific, recent 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 or contract holder, who are able to provide references relating to your work and on your suitability for this post

Deadline: 5pm Friday 2 August 2019

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for interview and to meet our forest school practitioners during week of 19 August. (Other arrangements can be made if shortlisted applicant is on holiday during that week)

