

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Garda Youth Diversion Project Worker

Location: Curragh/Newbridge, Co Kildare

Kildare Youth Services is a dynamic voluntary organisation affiliated to the Youth Work Ireland. KYS is committed to the personal and social development of young people, community involvement and quality youth services.

Curragh/Newbridge Garda Youth Diversion Project is funded by the Department of Justice Equality and Law Reform, through the Irish Youth Justice Service and the Garda Youth Diversion Programme.

Functions:

The Project Worker will be responsible for the coordination and development of Curragh/Newbridge Garda Youth Diversion Youth Project based in this area, so as to ensure the provision of community based youth initiatives appropriate to the needs of existing and new participants. In the exercise of these duties, the Project Worker will endeavour to comply with the aims and policies of KYS and the Project.

Responsibilities:

1. The planning, delivery and evaluation of the day-to-day programme including one to one work, group work, activity-based sessions etc with new and existing project participants.
2. To devise, implement and evaluate a plans and reports under Garda Youth Diversion Project guidelines in collaboration with the Steering Committee for the project.
3. To work with An Garda Siochana, specifically the Garda Juvenile Liaison Officer in identifying and securing appropriate additional supports for new and existing project participants.
4. To ensure the recruitment, development and involvement of volunteers as a community based project.
5. To maintain and establish appropriate support structures and networks to assist in the planning, implementation and evaluation of Curragh/Newbridge Garda Youth Diversion Project.
6. With the Project Leader, to assist with the securing of finance and other resources and to ensure effective management of same.
7. To develop effective working relationships with voluntary and statutory agencies, to promote a positive image of the project and KYS in the media and to represent KYS in the project area.

8. Carrying out action research in the area aimed at:
 - Further identification of need;
 - The development of appropriate resources locally;
 - The promotion of positive action in favour of project participants within mainstream education, training and social services provision.
9. To ensure effective project administration in liaison with the Irish Youth Justice Service and National Garda Children's Office.
10. To service specific KYS and An Garda Síochána programmes.
11. To undertake other duties as assigned by KYS management from time to time.

Reporting to: KYS Newbridge Youth Project Leader

Working Relationships:

Responsible for the working collaboratively with the KYS Youthwork team that may include sessional and part time staff and FÁS/CE staff. There will also be number of Voluntary Youth Workers / Leaders and a number of external personnel who are involved on a sessional/contract basis.

Job Specification:

- Relevant third level qualification- Qualification in Youth and Community Work, Youth Justice Work, Social Work, Social Care, Childcare.
- 2 years relevant experience.

Note:

This job description is provided for the information of applicants and carries no legal/contractual status.

K.Y.S. Application form and C.V. marked "Confidential" to:

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