



JOB DESCRIPTION

Garda Youth Diversion Project

Youth Justice Worker

Job Title: Youth Justice Worker

Location: Curragh/Newbridge

Kildare Youth Services is a dynamic voluntary organisation dedicated to working with young people to support their development. KYS is a member region of Youth Work Ireland. K.Y.S. is committed to the personal and social development of young people, community involvement and quality youth services using a Youth Work Approach. Curragh/Newbridge Garda Youth Diversion Project is part of a range of special youth projects for young people and are funded by the Department of Equality, Justice & Law Reform through An Garda Síochána and local grant aid. Kildare Youth Services also has other Community Youth Projects in Leixlip, Naas, Athy, Kildare, and the Curragh.

Responsibilities

- Identify, engage and work directly with project participants selected from the primary and secondary project target group primarily towards meeting the objectives of European Social Fund Programme Sub Measures 1 & 2
- Implement programmes and activities in the catchment area in line with the GYDP guidelines and approved by the project committee.
- Report to the project committee and attend the project and referral assessment committee meetings.
- To identify changing youth needs in Curragh / Newbridge and to propose appropriate strategies by K.Y.S.
- To develop youth groups, youth groups and services for project participants, through engagement of young people and voluntary youth leaders, programme development, training, face youth work and other methods.
- To actively promote and create opportunities for Youth Participation
- To promote community involvement in youth work through youth leadership training courses for adults, liaison with key community organisations and groups and other methods.
- To develop effective working relationships with key people in the voluntary and statutory agencies, to promote a positive image of Kildare Youth Services and youth work in the media and within the organisation.
- To implement the agreed annual plan, report and evaluate the work on an ongoing basis.
- To service specific regional programmes.
- To assist in sourcing of grant aid to service specific programmes for participants.

Other duties as assigned by the Project Leader from time to time.

Reporting To: Newbridge Youth Project Leader.

Working Relationships:

Part of the KYS Youth Worker Team , which includes Project Leaders, Youth Workers and Project Assistants. There is also the potential to develop a team of voluntary Youth Leaders

Applications should:

- Have a minimum of one year’s experience of Youth or Community work in a professional capacity.
- Have excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Have a clear understanding of Youth Work practice and ethos.
- Have competency in training, group work and organisational skills.
- Third level qualifications desirable but not essential.
- Be willing to work unsocial hours and a time off in lieu system.
- Have full clean driving license and own transport.

Terms and Conditions:

- Salary negotiable, depending on experience and qualifications,
- Appointment on a one –year fixed term contract.
- This draft 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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