

Join us to help improve the lives of disabled children and their families by becoming our next Sessional Playworker



Job Title: Sessional Playworker

Hours: TBC

Location: Dundee

Salary: £12.60 per hour

JOB PURPOSE

The Yard is an award-winning charity that runs adventure play services for children with disabilities and/or additional support needs and their families. We offer creative and inclusive adventure play experiences alongside wraparound support for the whole family. We believe in fostering communities of friendship and peer support without judgement. Since we opened in 1986, our services have grown significantly, but we will always retain our holistic approach and ethos of child-centred and child-led play services.

The purpose of this post is to contribute to the planning and delivery of play sessions at The Yard. The applicant will be expected to deliver, with other members of the Play Team, a range of inclusive, social, recreational and adventure play activities both on The Yard's premises including a range of activities such as arts and crafts, loose parts play, cinema visits etc.

We are an accredited living wage employer and offer a wide range of benefits.

Sessional posts do not have guaranteed hours; the role provides additional cover over peak times i.e. holiday periods and periods of absence.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

Reports to the Play Team Leader.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

To be a part of a team of full-time, part-time, sessional and volunteers employed to:

- Play an active role in the set up, delivery and development of The Yard's play and youth work provision, in line with the organisations values, aims and policies
- Ensure an approach which has the child and/or young person at its centre
- Encourage and enable children and young people with a range of disabilities and additional support needs to play and socialise in an inclusive way
- To work with children and young people as individuals and as part of a team, within The Yard
- Maintain and develop professional relationships with parents, carers and other organisations as appropriate
- Operate and maintain the facilities in a safe, clean and tidy condition in accordance with The Yard's policies and procedures
- Act in accordance to The Yard's Staff Handbook
- Attend and contribute to staff meetings and training sessions as appropriate
- To help organise events at The Yard
- Undertake other reasonable duties as become necessary from time to time

Scotland Yard Adventure Centre (known as The Yard) is a registered Scottish Charity SC002538 and Private Limited Company registered in Scotland 101671.

Implicit in this job description is the Scottish Social Service Council Codes of Practice. This is to:

- Build and maintain the trust and confidence of individuals and carers.
- Recognise that individuals have the right to take risks and will work with them to understand and manage those risks.
- Be accountable for the quality of your work and take responsibility for maintaining and improving your knowledge and skills.
- Uphold public trust and confidence.

AUTHORITIES AND LIMITATIONS

There are no financial authorities for this role.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, QUALIFICATIONS, COMPETENCIES

Essential qualities and experience:

- Experience of working with children and young people in a play or youth work setting
- A demonstrable understanding of and commitment to the values of play and play work and a commitment to inclusive play opportunities that hold the child at the centre
- A proven ability to work in a flexible manner, as an individual and as part of a team
- Experience of liaising with parents, carers and other professionals
- Strong communication skills
- The ability to register successfully with the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC), and undertake an acceptable PVG check

Desirable qualities and experience:

- Experience of working with children and young people with a range of disabilities
- Working towards or in receipt of an SVQ 3 or higher in a relevant discipline
- Computer literacy
- First Aid training