COMMUNITY PLAYBACK PROJECT - ROSE HILL PLAY RANGERS

Job Description

Oxfordshire Play Association (OPA) have secured 3 year funding from Children In Need to deliver a Community Playback project offering Play Ranger sessions in Rose Hill during the School Holidays (February Half Term, Easter Holidays, May Half Term, Summer Holidays and October Half Term). We will be delivering 26 sessions over a full year. The project will start in May Half Term 2016. These will be open access sessions which will run from 10am until 2pm. The Rose Hill Play Rangers will provide fun and positive Play opportunities within a Safe and Supportive environment in the heart of the estate. This project will increase Children’s opportunities to Play whilst promoting Positive Activities and Behaviours, Increased Levels of Physical Activity and Healthy Lifestyles.

The Oxfordshire Play Association is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Registered Charity Number 1160320) and has been delivering a Countywide service across Oxfordshire since 1974. Our Mission Statement is to ‘Champion and support the rights of all Children and Young People to have access to high quality, inclusive, Play opportunities to promote their physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing’

We are currently looking to recruit 2 Playworkers for these positions. (A Senior Play Ranger and a Play Ranger)

The roles will involve;

- Planning and delivering annually 26, four hour sessions within School Holidays in Rose Hill offering a range of varied, engaging and Playful activities.
- Creating a setting and environment that promotes Play, Physical Activity, Healthy Lifestyles and Positive Behaviours
- Working in partnership with the local Community and local Partner Organisations to ensure that we are meeting the needs of the local Community.
- Promoting other services and activities available locally to those accessing the sessions.

These roles will involve working 7 hours per session (2 hours prep, 4 hours direct delivery and 1 hour clear up) and a competitive hourly rate of between £10.04 to £10.60 per hour is being offered to the Senior Play Ranger and £8.25 to £8.63 per hour for the Play Ranger. (dependent on skills, knowledge and experience)
As this job involves working with Children and Young People it will be subject to an enhanced DBS / CRB check, satisfactory receipt of 2 references and completion of relevant Safeguarding Children and Young People Training.

**Person Specification – Senior Play Ranger**

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| **Qualifications** | | • Management Qualification  
• First Aid & Food Hygiene |
| • Level 3 Playwork / Early Years / Youth Worker Qualification | | |
| **Knowledge and Experience** | | • Management Training / Experience  
• Experience of working with Children with additional needs  
• Experience of working with Children and Young People from challenging home lives  
• Knowledge and understanding of the issues and needs of the local community in which the sessions are based  
• Experience of working with local Communities and Families |
| • Experience of working in a Playwork, Early Years or Youth Setting  
• Experience of working with a wide range of Children & Young People  
• An understanding of the Playwork Principles  
• An awareness of Child development  
• An awareness of Childrens Rights  
• Awareness and promotion of ‘Inclusion’ and equality | | |
| **Skills and Abilities** | | • Ability to work in partnership with community groups and other local partners  
• An understanding of how to promote ideas for freely chosen play opportunities within Communities  
• Ability to advocate for Childrens rights and promote participation in decision making |
| • Excellent oral and written communication skills  
• Ability to collect and report information  
• Ability to plan and deliver Play based sessions  
• Experience of undertaking and completing Risk Assessments  
• Ability to communicate well at all levels  
• Ability to be creative in an unstructured, Play environment  
• Ability to act on own initiative, to prioritise and to have excellent self management techniques  
• Ability to work effectively | | |
| Personal Skills / Qualities | • Excellent interpersonal skills with ability to relate to Children and Young People  
  • Willingness to undertake continued Training and CPD  
  • Be reliable, responsible and hardworking  
  • Ability to be able to deal with all types of people  
  • Full, clean driving licence (to be able to transport equipment) |

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| **Personal Skills / Qualities** | • Ability to act on own initiative, to prioritise and to have excellent self management techniques  
• Ability to work effectively within a small team  
• Ability to work ‘remotely’ | • An understanding of how to promote ideas for freely chosen play opportunities within Communities  
• Ability to advocate for Childrens rights and promote participation in decision making |

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We are unable to accept CV’s for the role, to request an application form please contact;

Martin Gillett, OPA Manager. T = 01865 779474 or E = martin.gillett@oxonplay.org.uk

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**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS THURSDAY 31ST MARCH**
**INTERVIEWS PROVISIONALLY SCHEDULED FOR WEEK COMMENCING 11TH APRIL**