

## TIPTREE YOUTH PROJECT OUTREACH

### JOB DESCRIPTION – COMMUNITY YOUTH WORKER

**Job title:** Community Youth Worker

**Hours of work:** Full time (37.5 hrs per week), though willing to explore part-time. Some unsocial hours will be required.

**Contract:** Initially for two years.

**Salary:** £18,900 - £26,450 per annum depending upon qualifications and experience.

TYPO is looking to recruit a Community Youth Worker to work alongside Tiptree and Kelvedon churches in developing and maintaining a range of activities for young people, through which they can learn about life, citizenship and the Christian faith. This post is subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure. There is a genuine requirement that the postholder be a Christian.

#### **Tiptree Youth Project Outreach**

Tiptree Youth Project Outreach (TYPO) is a charity set up in 2011 by a partnership of the churches in Tiptree, north-east Essex. St Luke's Church of England Parish Church, St John Houghton Roman Catholic Church and Tiptree United Reformed Church have enjoyed good relationships over the years with many ongoing opportunities for united worship and fellowship.

The project was established in response to a need expressed by the local community about the rapid (and continuing) expansion of Tiptree in recent years, and the absence of commensurate development of services for children and young people. Our first youth worker has now moved on and we are wanting to build upon the foundation that he laid among the schools and churches of Tiptree and the surrounding area. St Luke's Church is part of a Church of England Mission and Ministry Unit of 11 churches, including the neighbouring village of Kelvedon.

#### **Youth Worker Responsibilities**

- To develop and maintain:
  - activity groups in the local community to reach unchurched young people aged 14 – 18.
  - church-based activities in Tiptree for young people aged 14 – 18.

- activities in Thurstable School with similar aims, eg. Christian Union, Youth Alpha, prayer spaces, self-esteem courses.

- To lead and develop an existing church-based youth club in Kelvedon.
- To participate in the transition of Year 6 young people through the 'It's Your Move' programme, acting as a support and link into the above activities.
- To develop and maintain opportunities for young people to experience other churches, youth groups, summer camps and Christian gatherings eg. JOY.
- To maintain links where appropriate with existing church activities for younger children eg. Churches in Tiptree Youth (City), Messy Church.
- To keep church members regularly informed about the needs and activities of young people.
- To work with the churches in recruiting, co-ordinating and training the volunteer workforce.
- To promote the work among the wider non-church community using all available local media.
- To liaise where necessary or advantageous with community agencies such as health and social care professionals, community officers and police.
- To maintain efficient records and produce relevant reports when required.

#### **Person specification – essential**

- Experience of a range of youth work settings.
- A genuine commitment to the Christian faith.
- Willingness to work across a range of Christian denominations.
- Car owner and clean driving licence.
- Self-motivating and able to work on own initiative.
- Experience working with volunteers.

#### **Person specification – desirable**

- A recognised youth work qualification.
- Confident networking and organisational skills.
- Strong communication and teamwork skills.

#### **The successful candidate will be:**

1. managed by the incumbent of St Luke's Parish Church.

2. involved in regular worship and prayer in one of the Tiptree or Kelvedon churches.
3. involved in regular reviews of his/her work and tasks.
4. encouraged to attend relevant training courses and professional development opportunities.
5. encouraged to have outside interests and an external spiritual mentor.