

**Job Description**

**Job Title:** Family, Children and Youth Adviser - Maternity Cover

**Reports to:** Director of Outreach

**Salary Range:** £29,288 - £35,348 depending upon qualifications and experience

**Hours of work:** Full Time -35 hours per week. This post is offered to cover a maternity leave and is expected to last for 12 months.

**Normal place of work:** Church House, Daresbury, WA4 4GE with the option for up to 40% working from home.

**Overall Purpose of the Post**

To encourage, enable and resource the highest standards in Christian family, children and youth work in the parishes, schools and chaplaincies of the diocese.

**Main Duties:**

1. Supporting the work of the Department for Outreach and of the diocese as a whole in order to grow a church of missionary disciples that is younger and more **in touch with the disconnected.**
2. Working with the Growing Faith team to see children and young people nurtured as disciples of Christ in home, school and church.
3. Enabling the voices of children and young people to **be heard, building on the work done through Youth Speaks.**
4. Creating, sustaining and growing networks of paid and volunteer workers that provide peer support and share best practice.
5. Enabling parishes, schools and chaplaincies to continue to develop Christian faith and life in families, children and young people, through a menu of training options.
6. Working in partnership with local churches to identify, develop and disseminate resources appropriate to Christian discipleship among families, children and young people in a variety of traditions and contexts.
7. In collaboration with the DSA and the safeguarding team, driving compliance with DBS and safeguarding training using a variety of means, including supportive working, PCC visits and parish and deanery audits. This includes ensuring that paid and voluntary workers are trained in safe working practices, including in appropriate boundaries.
8. Contribute to and learn from similar work in other dioceses and agencies, so as to enrich the practice of all.

During the maternity cover particular projects requiring attention are:

**Strategic developments**

Growing Faith Hub: Lego project – creating faith at home resources for families that attend Lego churches to use.

Arranging family days

Liaising with network of vicars, youth and children’s workers

Liaising with Growing Faith

Liaising with Steve Guinness

Young Leaders Day (13 – 16 yr olds) – a day to equip and encourage young leaders in preaching, worship, prayer and evangelism, in November 2025

Concluding arrangements for Young Leaders Day

Advertising the day and welcoming people onto the programme

Seeing programme implemented

Diocesan strategy

Attending meetings of Stream 2/Reach and Collaboration/Growing Connections working group

Future Youth

To help with the development of the Future Youth intern program within the diocese.

**Training**

Boundaries training

Working with the Safeguarding team in advertising and delivering training sessions, provided every 2 months

Youthscape Essentials and Children’s Ministry Essentials:

Liaising with training providers and working with childrens/youth workers to deliver the courses in their parishes.

Running Catalyst training in-person

Liaising with Ridley Hall. Leading the 5 sessions at Church House.

**Support**

Servicing the network of youth and children’s leaders

Attending meetings and playing a part in

Safeguarding Executive Group

Growing Faith Group

Everyday Faith Group

Flourish Board

An Occupational Requirement exists for the postholder to be a practising Christian, in accordance with the Equality Act, 2010.

An enhanced DBS Disclosure will be required.

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