

Role Profile - Youth Worker -Recreational/Youth Engagement and Activity Area *

Job title	Youth Worker (Recreational/Youth Engagement and Activity Area)	Salary:	Up £10.55 an hour
Reporting to:	Head of Youth Work	Holidays:	33 days including bank holidays (pro-rata)
Location:	Future Youth Zone	Hours:	Between 9 to 26 hours per week, evenings and weekends. *Multiple positions available

The Person: You will be a Youth Worker committed to working with and creating positive relationships with young people, with an ice breaker, game or challenge for every occasion. The “rec area” is the heart of the Youth Zone and you will be passionate about creating a fun, positive, challenging and energetic environment, alongside facilitating conversations with young people to explore their views and express their opinions.

Key Relationships: Core Management team, Youth Work Managers, OnSide, External Stakeholders, Young People and Parents.

Closing date: Ongoing – Apply ASAP



Job Purpose:

The recreation and activity area is the heart of Future's offer to young people. The recreation offer is wide ranging and no day is ever the same. As a member of the team, you will be key in ensuring young people have access to an exciting and engaging programme, which could range from pool competitions hosting your own version of 'I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here', to organising a debate on mental health or hosting an anti-bullying project. The possibilities are endless. The post holder will be responsible for creating a lively, dynamic, creative and fun-loving environment for all young people, whilst also creating space for young people to explore and discuss some of the big issues of the day and of course have FUN!

Context of the post:

Barking and Dagenham Youth Zone, named "Future" by local young people, will be the first Youth Zone in London opened by the national charity, OnSide in Spring 2019. This is an exciting and unique opportunity to join the delivery team pre-opening and play your part in history, shaping opportunities for London's young people and supporting full time Youth Workers and Youth Work Managers.

The Future, like all OnSide Youth Zone's, exists to give young people, particularly those who are disadvantaged, somewhere to go, something to do and someone to talk to. Each Youth Zone is open 7 days a week, at weekends and during school holidays. The Youth Zone's purpose is to help young people grow to be happy, healthy and successful adults.

Future's state-of-the-art £6.5 million building on Parsloes Park, will provide young people with access to a range of activities, offering them the opportunity to try new things, meet new friends and gain support from friendly, warm and positive staff and volunteers. The facilities include a 3G pitch, a gym, sports hall, recreation area and dance, arts, music and media suites, with state-of-the-art facilities equipped for a wide range of sporting, artistic, cultural and general recreational activities and targeted services. To access a Youth Zone, young people aged 8 – 19 (or 25 with additional needs) simply pay 50p per visit and £5 per year membership.

Find out more by watching

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yb18h1TPRNE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q3fFHKXV7ZQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sZCMoDYEfTQ>

.....it might just change your life!

Duties and Responsibilities - General

- Be a role model for young people and present a positive "can do" attitude
- Take personal responsibility for own actions
- Commit to a culture of continuous improvement
- Work within the performance framework of Future Youth Zone and OnSide
- Represent Future Youth Zone positively and effectively in all dealings with internal colleagues, and external partners

- Comply with all policies and procedures, with particular reference to safeguarding, codes of conduct health and safety and equality and diversity to ensure all activities are accessible
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- To be alert to issues of safeguarding and child protection, ensuring the welfare and safety of Youth Zone members is promoted and safeguarded, and to report any child protection concerns to the designated Child Protection Officers using the safeguarding policies, procedures and practice (training to be provided)
- To assist with any promotional activities and visits that take place at the Youth Zone
- To actively promote the Youth Zone and positively contribute towards increasing Youth Zone membership
- To adhere to The Future Youth Zone policies at all times, with particular reference to Health and Safety, Safeguarding and Equal Opportunities

Duties and Responsibilities - Detailed

- Together with the Junior Club Manager, Senior Club Manager and Rec Lead, develop and implement a recreational programme that is exciting, challenging and ever changing
- The role is 100% face to face delivery with young people
- To work directly with young people to develop their social skills
- To directly deliver a high-quality programme of activity that is exciting, safe, varied, innovative, developmental and directly responds to the diverse needs, concerns and interests of the members
- You will laugh, a lot at really rubbish jokes!
- To have great energy and establish positive relationships with young people, the wider youth work team and visitors to the Youth Zone
- To respond to the needs of young people through activities in the recreation area
- To support and motivate volunteers working in the recreation area
- To work flexibly to ensure the needs of the members are met, including disadvantaged young people and those with disabilities or additional needs
- To ensure that the members maintain a high standard of behaviour and discipline during sessions by making the area a hub of activity and fun
- To ensure the participation of young people in activities and ensure that their ideas contribute fully in the delivery of activities in a safe way
- To assist with any promotional activities and visits that take place at the Youth Zone
- To actively promote the Youth Zone and positively contribute towards increasing Youth Zone membership
- To promote and safeguard the welfare of young people at all times
- To be able to think on your feet and create a fun activity with minimal equipment
- Ability to enthuse others, including staff, volunteers and young people, making the environment fun and the place young people want to see
- To be able to make ten games up using just a ball or piece of rope!
- To be an active member of the team and operate in line with the values and principles of Future Youth Zone
- Carry out any other reasonable duties as requested by management

Person Specification

Selection Criteria* A = Application Form I = Interview T = Test/Personality Profile	Essential or Desirable	Method of Assessment
Experience		
Face to face activity delivery, working with young people both in groups and individually	Essential	A & I
Experience of delivering a range of informal, creative activities to young people	Essential	A & I
Experience of supporting young people who are disaffected, underachieving and / or have social / emotional barriers to participation	Essential	A & I
Experience of working in a team and alongside volunteers	Essential	A & I
Organising a programme of youth work activities	Desirable	A & I
Experience of working with challenging young people	Desirable	A & I
Residential work with young people	Desirable	A & I
Qualifications		
Introduction to Youth Work or Youth and Community Work Level 1.	Desirable	A
Skills		
A good sense of humour	Essential	A & I
Ability to engage and build positive relationships with young people, including the disengaged / disadvantaged	Essential	A & I
Ability to develop good professional relationships with young people and adults	Essential	A & I
Ability to work with young people to enable the development of their social education by providing activity programmes, services and facilities that are fun	Essential	A & I
Ability to be enthused by young people and others	Essential	A & I
Ability to coach, encourage, motivate and provide reliable support to young people	Essential	A & I
Ability to dynamic risk access	Desirable	A & I
Knowledge		
Understanding of issues affecting young people's lives	Essential	A & I
Knowledge of health and safety, diversity awareness and safeguarding best practice	Desirable	A & I
Special Requirements		
A willingness to work unsociable hours	Essential	A & I
Enhanced DBS clearance. Commitment to Safeguarding children	Essential	A & I
The ability and willingness to travel to events in the region and beyond	Essential	A & I



Future Youth Zone are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable groups. This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

The strength of the OnSide Network of Youth Zone is the diversity of its people, we place huge value on different people doing things in different ways and we welcome applications from what might be considered none traditional backgrounds. The one thing we all have in common is our desire to raise the aspirations of young people across the country.

ONSIDE YOUTH ZONES NETWORK VALUES



YOUNG PEOPLE FIRST

Young people are at the heart of everything we do, inspiring and challenging us to deliver services that exceed their needs and challenge them to be the best they can be.

EXCELLENCE

We encourage ourselves and each other to be best we can be through continuous learning and improvement, and a focus on finding solutions.



RESPECT

We act with honesty and integrity, celebrating diversity across the whole organisation and caring about each other, our young people and the Youth Zone environment.



AMBITIOUS

We are passionate and driven in taking on new challenges, embracing new ideas, and exceeding our ambitions for young people, the Youth Zones and our local communities.

COLLABORATIVE

We will create and nurture strong, creative partnerships, working together to achieve better results and outcomes for young people.

