

Bradford



Bradford YMCA

Keyworker – Children, Young People and Families
2-year Fixed-Term Contract – 30 - 37.5 hours per week

Application Pack

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A WELCOME TO APPLICANTS

Thank you for your interest in working for the YMCA. If you are an internal applicant you will already be familiar with the distinctive nature of the YMCA and its work. External applicants may not be aware that YMCAs are Christian charities belonging to a national and international Movement. The YMCA offers opportunities to young people and their communities to develop in mind, body and spirit and so help to fulfil their potential. It aims to reflect this holistic approach in the way it recognises the value of each individual staff member and enables them to make their unique contribution to the organisation's mission.

In England, the YMCA comprises some 160 different Associations found in most cities and towns, each of which operates as a separately registered charity. These YMCAs are often working with people at times of greatest need. Worldwide, the Movement has over 30 million members in some 125 countries. The evolution of each YMCA is influenced by local factors. But generally YMCAs aim to:

- Facilitate personal, social and spiritual development – through life and job skills training and a wide range of other opportunities for personal growth and challenge.
- Build relationships and provide programmes that support young people's transition to adulthood.
- Develop communities through the provision of supported housing, community activities and sport, exercise and fitness programmes for all ages.
- Share ideas and resources across the world as part of an international YMCA network.

The YMCA values diversity and welcomes applications from across all of the community. Diversity is reflected strongly among those who participate in YMCA activities and use its facilities. Our housing residents, for instance, come from many nations and backgrounds; the YMCA provides accommodation and training facilities for both men and women; our health and fitness suites have been successful in offering customised programmes for people with disabilities; and the range of activities involves people of all ages. We are also committed to ensuring that diversity is reflected strongly within our Board of Management, volunteer and employee structures. This includes a commitment to keep our practices under review, leading to action where necessary, in order to attract new people from all sections of the community.

Inclusiveness is fundamental to the ethos of the YMCA as a Christian organisation. It is expressed in a wholehearted commitment to welcome people of other faiths and those of none, linked to a confident identity as a Christian faith-based Movement. In order to promote the Christian ethos of the YMCA it is important that certain posts are filled by committed Christians. If the advertisement/job details for the position for which you are applying states that you are required to have a personal commitment to the Christian faith, the information you supply in the 'Religious Beliefs' section of your application will be taken into account in the selection process. If this is not the case, whilst you will be expected to respect the Christian ethos of the YMCA and uphold its values in your work, you are not required to complete the 'Religious Beliefs' section. The values to be upheld include: being inclusive and welcoming to people of all religious faiths and none; promoting respect and freedom for all; working for tolerance and understanding; having an active care and concern for the community; and affirming the equal value of each person when caring for and working with others.

Thank you again for your interest in working for the YMCA. We look forward to receiving your application.



Bradford YMCA Mission, Values and Ethos

Our Mission

The City of Bradford YMCA is:

- Part of a worldwide inclusive Christian Movement
- Working with people of other religious faiths and those of none
- To transform communities so that all young people truly belong, contribute and thrive

Our Values & Ethos

The City of Bradford YMCA is part of a worldwide Christian Movement and our guiding values are:

- Valuing each person, and especially young people, with respect and understanding
- Being inclusive and welcoming to all people of all religious faiths and none irrespective of sex, marital status, race, colour, nationality, ethnic origin, disability, age or sexual orientation
- Working for tolerance and understanding
- Demonstrating openness, fairness, integrity and accountability
- Committed to learning from experience
- Being flexible and open to change

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Keyworker - Children, Young People and Families
Department/Unit: YMCA Bradford
Responsible to: CYP Lead Worker

Hours: 30 – 37.5 hours per week
Fixed term 2 years subject to future funding April 2020

Job Purpose

We are looking to appoint a dynamic individual to join our Children and Young People's team to deliver one2one key work and small group work as part of an Intensive Youth Support/Families First Programme.

The target group will include those in need of targeted early help interventions including those engaged in, or at risk of engaging in, antisocial behaviour, children and young people who are not attending school regularly or are disruptive in school, children and young people with emotional and behavioural difficulties.

Duties and Responsibilities

1. To work with a case load of approx. 8-10 children who have been appropriately identified as in need of the service.
2. Undertake activities, including home visits, outreach, to make contact and engage referred children, young people and families.
3. To undertake appropriate assessments of children and young people, including Signs of Safety, who have been engaged onto caseload involving them, and their families where appropriate, in this process.
4. To develop, with each child, young person and family on caseload, a personal support plan that will include short term milestones and medium term targets. The support plan will be tailored to each child and focus on work to change those behaviours that are detrimental to the child's future well-being as identified through assessment.
5. To co-ordinate and follow up on all support plan activities, liaising with other agencies such as schools, voluntary and statutory services as required.
6. To deliver appropriate key work and/or small group work activities with children and young people on the caseload to address issues such as anger management, communication, etc.
7. To plan and deliver small group work – issue based or positive activity - tailored to needs of children and young people on caseload – to support their future integration into mainstream positive activities.

8. To work with families of children on caseload to provide 'low level' mediation and support – making referrals to professional parenting services if necessary.
9. To accompany and support children on caseload to appointments eg. to counselling.
10. To work closely with referring schools and ensure children on caseload and achieving good attendance and working to their potential at school – in particular supporting children on caseload who are struggling with their transition from primary to secondary school,
11. To ensure a speedy response to any crisis situation facing children, young people and families on caseload – liaising with other agencies and services as appropriate.
12. To exit children from caseload when their plans have been completed, their needs have been reduced and they are settled into mainstream activities – provide an aftercare service to ensure they remain on track.
13. To maintain files on children/young people on caseload that includes referral, assessment, plans, session reports, review and evaluation information.
14. To provide information for monitoring and evaluation on a monthly basis using agreed formats
15. To work in a multi-agency setting and to maintain collaborative working relationships with external agencies including attendance at locality based Cluster panels.
16. To promote the work of the project and the YMCA including following marketing and PR policies and guidelines providing ideas and information and data when required – ensuring marketing materials are kept fully up to date with any service delivery changes
17. To fully commit and work in accordance with all YMCA Policies and procedures, in particular Code of Conduct, Equal Opportunities & Diversity, Health and Safety, Data Protection and Safeguarding.
18. To undertake agreed training and development activities.

Special Requirements and Environmental Factors

1. To have a flexible approach and be willing to carry out further functions and roles as required by the management team.
2. To evidence an understanding of the needs of confidentiality
3. To actively promote equality and diversity
4. To work within the ethos of the Bradford YMCA

Safeguarding

YMCA Bradford is fully committed to safeguarding the welfare of all vulnerable adults, children, and young people. It recognises its responsibility to take all reasonable steps to promote safe practice and to protect vulnerable adults, children and young people from harm, abuse and exploitation.

As a staff member you will have responsibility for ensuring that YMCA Bradford's Safeguarding Policies, Procedures and Guidance are delivered in line with our values and ethos to promote the welfare of children, young people and adults within or connected to YMCA Bradford.

Health & Safety

As a member of staff you are responsible for the safety and welfare of all staff and you must therefore have knowledge of the Company's Health & Safety Policy and relevant instructions to your area of work. Any matter which you consider requires attention in this respect is your responsibility to report following the correct procedures, or to the Health and Safety Manager. Copies of the current Health & Safety Policy and Safety Procedures are available in the Centre.

NB. The above job description is not an exhaustive list of duties. The postholder will be expected to perform various tasks as necessitated by the evolution of the role within the organisation and growth of the overall Bradford YMCA strategy and business goals. The main duties of the post may be reviewed with regards to experience and developments within the organisation; any review will be undertaken in conjunction with the post holder

I have received and understood this job description.

Employee Name: _____ Signature: _____

Manager's Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Assessment Methods:

A – Application, I – Interview, R – References/Checks, X – Interview Presentation/Exercise

Personal Attributes	Essential (E) or Desirable (D)	Method of Assessment
Experience		
1. Experience of working to holistically address identified needs of children/young people aged 8 to 13 in paid or voluntary capacity.	E	A
2. Experience of delivering issue based 1-2-1 or group work activities to children/young people.	E	I
3. Experience of delivering positive activities to challenging and disengaged children/young people and families.	E	A
4. Experience of general office administration work, maintaining accurate records.	E	A
5. Experience of working with one or more of the following groups of young people: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children/Young people at risk of offending • Children/Young People at Edge of Care • Children/Young people with challenging behaviour • Children/Young people with educational difficulties 	E	I
Qualifications		
6. Minimum L3 qualification in one of the following qualifications or equivalent: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with Children, Young People and Families • Youth Work/Youth and Community Work • Social Work 	E	A
7. PTTLs or Award in Education and Training	D	A
8. Literacy/numeracy up to Level 2 or equivalent	E	A
Training		
9. Willingness to undertake further training, as required	E	I
Special Knowledge		

10. An understanding of why young people become involved in and continue to be involved in crime and/or risky and negative behaviours.	E	I
11. Knowledge of agencies and services for children/young people	E	I
12. Demonstrable understanding of Safeguarding and Child Protection issues.	E	I
13. Demonstrable understanding of Health and Safety practices	E	I
Circumstances – Personal		
14. Provide a positive role model for children, young people and families.	E	I
15. Willingness to be flexible and work evenings/ weekends	E	I
16. Holder of a full driving licence and access to own vehicle.	E	A
17. No contra indications to personal background or criminal records indicating unsuitability to work with children, young people or families or in a position of trust.	E	R
18. Must be eligible to work in the UK	E	R
Disposition, Adjustment & Attitude		
19. Willingness to adhere to YMCA dress code policy to wear identifiable clothing provided	E	I
20. Respect for the ethos of the YMCA and able to uphold its values	E	I
Practical Intellectual skills		
21. Good organisational skills, self-motivation and an ability to work under pressure handling competing demands.	E	I
22. Good IT skills, including ability to maintain database and spreadsheet records.	E	A
23. Good written communication skills	E	A
24. Good verbal communication skills	E	X
Physical/Sensory		
25. Must be able to perform all duties and responsibilities in work location with reasonable adjustments where appropriate, under the provision of the Disability Discrimination act 1995.	E	A

Equality		
25. Candidates should indicate an acceptance of a commitment to the principles underlying the YMCA's Equal rights policies and practices.	E	I
26. A commitment to Bradford YMCA's aims and objectives, including equal opportunities/ diversity policy.	E	I

TERMS & CONDITIONS

SALARY: £18,805 - £20,031 per annum (pro rata)

HOURS OF WORK:

A part-time working week of 30-37.5 hours (Flexible working pattern) This 30 -37.5 hour per week post will involve after school and early evening work up to four evenings per week. A time off in lieu (T.O.I. L) system is in operation and must be agreed with your line manager.

PAID LEAVE ENTITLEMENT:

4 weeks (pro rata) paid leave is allowed. 1 extra day's holiday will be awarded for completing 2,4,6,8 and 10 years service up to a maximum of 30 days. Additional paid leave is granted for statutory Bank Holidays as specified in the Contract of Employment.

SICK PAY:

Absence due to genuine sickness is payable in accordance with the Association's arrangements; any payments made as a YMCA sick pay will include any element of SSP. The maximum number of weeks of YMCA sick pay in any year is 2 weeks full pay in any rolling 12 month period, after one year's completed service. A pro-rata entitlement of one week's full pay will be paid for every completed 3 months of service, in the first year of employment. Part-time employees' sick pay in on a pro-rata basis to that of a full-time employee.

DBS Checks:

If the post requires a DBS check as a requirement of the role – the post will be offered subject to satisfactory DBS clearance

TRAVEL:

A travel allowance of 45pence per mile is payable, where travel between sites is specified as a requirement in the role.

PENSION:

To comply with the new law regarding Pension Automatic Enrolment, depending on your circumstances, you will be automatically enrolled into our qualifying pension scheme, provided by NEST Pensions.

You will be able to opt-out of the scheme if you wish, but if you remain a member you will be saving towards your retirement. If you do not meet the criteria to be automatically enrolled, you will have the option to join the scheme if you wish. Further information on the pension scheme can be obtained by contacting the HR Department.

NOTICE

As per contract of employment

CONDITIONS:

The post is subject to a probationary period of 3 months.

DISCIPLINARY & GRIEVANCE:

The Association's standard disciplinary and grievance procedures apply to this post.



TRAINING:

The Association is committed to the training of all employees as and when necessary.

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

The post holder must be aware of equality and diversity principles and comply with the Bradford YMCA's equality and diversity procedures.

HEALTH & SAFETY

All staff are responsible for the implementation of the health and safety procedures so far as it affects them, their colleagues and others who may be affected by their work. The post holder is also expected to monitor the effectiveness of health and safety arrangements relating to their work to ensure appropriate improvements are made when necessary.

Selection & Interview Arrangements

Interview Panel	TBC
Closing Date	Monday 11th June 2018 by 9am
Short listing	Monday 11th June 2018
Notification of shortlist (Successful candidates only)	Thursday 14th June 2018
Interview Date and Process Assessments	By Tuesday 19th June 2018 w/c 25th June 2018
Panel Decision and Notification	TBC



How to Apply

To request an application pack please email bradfordrecruitment@fyldecoastymca.org

Completed application forms should be submitted by email with supporting statements securely attached to:- bradfordrecruitment@fyldecoastymca.org

The closing date for this role is **Monday 11th June 2018 by 9am** please note any applications received after this date and time will not be considered.

All referee requests will be treated with the strictest confidence and no referee will be approached without obtaining your prior consent. You are also invited to complete and return the Equal Opportunities Form for monitoring purposes.

The Equal Opportunities Form allows Bradford YMCA to follow the recommendations of the Equal Opportunities Commission, the Commission for Racial Equality and the Disability Rights Commission, that we as an employer should monitor the selection process to ensure equality of opportunity is being offered and being achieved. This form will not form part of your application and will be treated as confidential

Thank you for your time and we look forward to receiving your application.