

Community Outreach Worker, (schools and non-schools based)

Hours: Flexible (To be discussed. Potentially in the approximate range of 1.5 days to 3 days per week)

Employer: Riverbank Trust

Based: Holy Trinity Church Richmond, Sheen Park.

Salary: £25,000 - £27,997 F.T.E. subject to experience (1-year fixed term contract – possible extension, if funding is secured)

As a result of the recent COVID pandemic, Riverbank has seen a rise in the number of families being referred to us for our services and support. We have secured limited funding for another Outreach Worker to join the staff team initially for 1 year. Riverbank values long-term relationship however, so hope to be able to make this position permanent beyond year 1 if additional funding is secured.

This is an opportunity to be part of a growing and exciting ministry working in the heart of the London borough of Richmond. We often describe ourselves as a family first and a charity second and as part of our Riverbank family, the successful candidate will be part of our mission to provide support and community, through the local church, to young single mums and vulnerable families.

This is also an exciting time to join as Riverbank is increasing its focus on its core mission, upgrading its online presence, and developing new partnerships as the organisation grows into the future.

Essential Criteria

First and foremost, the candidate for this role will have a sense of calling to Christian ministry in order to share the gospel and the love of Jesus through the gifts and particular skills they have. We expect the successful applicant to be regularly worshipping in a church.

The ideal candidate would hold a relevant qualification in any of the following including but not exclusively:

- Children and families work
- Education
- Psychology or a relevant therapy
- Social care or health

If you do not have any of the above qualifications but would like to submit an application, please contact us to discuss further.

Roles and Responsibilities:

Outreach support based in a local primary school. This may include:

- Direct one to one work with vulnerable children with social/emotional and behavioural needs including:
 - Planning programs that will meet the individual child's needs
 - Working with teachers and the inclusion manager/SENCO

- Providing updates and written reports to schools and Riverbank Trust
- Provision of support to vulnerable families in the school with specific needs, including some family-based support, home visits, one to one support and referrals to other services provided by Riverbank, the community and the local church.
- Coordinating programs and parenting initiatives that are particularly aimed towards supporting single parent families and vulnerable single mothers.

Community based outreach which includes:

- Building relationships with families and spending one to one time with beneficiaries.
- Supporting families practically at appointments or meetings with other agencies and assisting them in accessing additional support from local agencies.
- Supporting families with practical tasks at home and in the community and facilitating volunteers to be involved in practical support.
- Providing emotional and spiritual support to families through listening and prayer.
- Running small groups for vulnerable single parents including skills-based programs and social groups.
- Alongside the Riverbank Team, helping to facilitate special events during half terms and holidays to encourage relationship and build community amongst our Riverbank family.

There is also an expectation that you will:

- Attend weekly staff meetings on a Thursday morning and attend regular supervision with your line manager.
- Attend mandatory training and with the support of your line manager continue to develop your own learning and professional development.

In addition to these requirements, you may also on occasions be required to attend and contribute to additional events such as training, fundraising or presentations to supporting churches and organisations.

Safeguarding

We take safeguarding seriously and follow safer recruitment guidelines. Safeguard training is compulsory and an expected part of the role.

Working Requirements

- Flexible depending on requirements and availability
- Occasional evenings and weekends as required
- Staff development and training events
- 28 days annual leave pro rata

All appointments are made subject to a clear DBS check and references.

For further enquiries, or to request an application form, please contact the administrator at reni@riverbanktrust.org before Friday 8th October 2021.