

PEF FAMILY WORKER

ANNUAL SALARY: SCP 27-30, currently £26,272-£29041 pro rata

25 HOURS/WEEK

Fixed term until 30th June 2020 (with potential extension dependent on funding)

RESPONSIBLE TO:- DEPUTY MANAGER, CITADEL YOUTH CENTRE

OVERVIEW

The Citadel has a long history of strong relationships with families in the Leith community. In the past four years, this has included the development of the Citadel Families Project, which offers a range of services to the parents/carers of children under 12 attending the Citadel, including 1:1 family support and a weekly Parents Drop In.

In the past two years, the opportunity has arisen – through the Scottish Government's Pupil Equity Fund – to extend the Citadel's positive relationships with families into local primary schools. As a result, the Citadel now offers a range of school based services to parents/carers in four local primary schools, including 1:1 support, themed workshops/courses and family learning.

The post holder will be responsible for developing a new family support service based in Lorne Primary School, as well as working alongside colleagues in Citadel based services for families.

JOB DESCRIPTION

- Develop and promote a new school based family support service for parents/carers of pupils attending Lorne Primary School
- Plan, deliver and evaluate a range of school based services for parents/carers, including
 1:1 support, group work programmes and family learning opportunities
- Work in partnership with parents/carers, Lorne Primary School staff, social workers and other agencies to ensure that the educational and wider needs of pupils are being met
- Participate, and support the participation of parents/carers, in Child Planning Meetings,
 Children's Hearings and other case reviews as required
- Encourage and support the involvement of Lorne Primary School families in the Citadel
- Work with Citadel colleagues to provide community based support for families involved in the Citadel, including Children's Clubs/Groups, Parents Drop In and Family Days
- Work in partnership with parents/carers and Citadel colleagues to ensure that the social and emotional needs of children attending the Citadel are being met
- Any other duties, as required (including regular evening, and occasional weekend work)



PERSON SPECIFICATION:

Qualifications	Essential	Desirable
 Appropriate professional qualification in Community Education, Youth and Community Work, Social Work or equivalent. 	•	
Knowledge/Experience		
Appropriate experience of direct work with parents/carers	~	
Understanding of community based youth and children's work	~	
 Understanding of the social issues impacting on children's attendance, achievement and attainment in school 	~	
Understanding and awareness of child protection	~	
Experience of working in partnership with schools and other agencies		~
Experience of supporting disadvantaged or vulnerable families		~
Experience of planning, delivering and evaluating group work programmes		~
Experience of facilitating family learning opportunities		~
Experience of working with ethnically and culturally diverse communities		~
Aptitudes/Skills/Qualities		
Enjoyment of working with children and families	~	
Ability to build positive relationships with parents/carers	~	
Commitment to principles of anti-discriminatory practice	~	
Ability to work on own initiative and to be a 'self starter'	~	
Ability to work constructively and flexibly as part of a team	~	
Excellent verbal and written communication skills	~	
Willing and able to work flexible and unsocial hours.	~	

CLOSING DATE: Tuesday 16th July at 12 noon

Interviews are scheduled to take place on Monday 22nd July

Please e-mail: info@citadelyouthcentre.org.uk to request an application pack