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Recruitment Pack

Project Officer (London)



About the Role

- Job Title:** Project Officer (London)
- Contract:** Full time, permanent with a 6-month probation period.
- Hours:** 37.5 hours a week – flexible hours around general 9:00-17:30 working pattern to include regular evening work to 20:00.
- Location:** Hybrid working, 2 days in the office with project delivery in and around region.
- Salary:** £25,000 - £27,500 per annum.
- Holidays:** 29 days per year.

ReachOut are national education and youth development charity. Working in under-resourced communities, we're a strategic partner to schools, supporting young people to develop key socio-emotional skills and grow in confidence and character.

Our Project Officers are responsible for overseeing the day-to-day logistics of ReachOut mentoring programmes in schools across their location and ensuring the projects impact every young person involved.

This includes the line management of our sessional Project Leaders, liaising with contacts in partner schools and working collaboratively with the Project Managers and volunteer team to support ReachOut's growth.



Find out more about ReachOut and our work at reachoutuk.org.



Job Description

Management and development of Project Leaders

- Line manage and develop up to 10 Project Leaders supporting them to:
 - deliver their allocated mentoring sessions and carry out required preparation in between sessions
 - monitor mentee progress and attendance and communicate with parents
 - manage their allocated group of volunteer mentors, maintaining engagement and attendance
 - create an inclusive and safe environment for young people to develop and have their voices heard
 - develop by providing feedback and through regular supervision
- Ensure that their delivery of ReachOut mentoring sessions meets ReachOut standards through regular observation
- Provide cover for delivery of projects where required

Stakeholder Management

- Day to day communication with partner schools to ensure projects run efficiently and expectations are met
- Plan and attend termly meetings with partner schools to report on ReachOut sessions, solve any potential challenges and ensure school retention
- Managing attendance and engagement of mentees and mentors
- Communicating with parents
- Communicating with young people
- Working closely with the volunteer team
- Running in school assemblies and parent information sessions
- Represent ReachOut in line with our values and mission in all stakeholder communication and at external events

Project Delivery

- Plan and run your allocated mentoring project
 - Manage the progress and development of the young people
 - Manage your group of volunteer mentors, supporting them to build positive relationships with their mentees

Project Coordination

- Maintain good data quality for your projects using our CRM Salesforce, and proactively report on project KPIs such as capacity and attendance to the Project Manager
- Oversee the collection of end of year data to support impact measurement, and report to schools through termly impact reports
- Carry out administration for all projects in your remit
- Support the Project Managers to set up ReachOut programmes in new schools
- Project Officers also share the co-ordination of other project-related activities, for example:
 - Recruitment and training of Project Leaders
 - ReachOut's Youth Council
 - Design and development of our curriculum and project resources

Safeguarding

- Safeguard ReachOut's young people, exercise and promote best practices when working with young people in a safeguarding context
- Ensure that the Project Leaders and volunteer mentors follow ReachOut safeguarding policies

Other

- Follow ReachOut's policies and procedures
- Carry out any other duties as required by ReachOut and act in a manner that is in keeping with ReachOut's values





Person Specification

Experience

- Experience working with young people aged 9 to 16 and support with a range of needs e.g. behaviour, S.E.N, academic attainment and/or confidence
- Understanding of the education system at KS2, 3 and 4 Levels and the challenges facing young people today
- Knowledge and understanding of good practice in a safeguarding context, following safeguarding policies and procedures
- Experience in managing full/part-time staff and/or volunteers
- Sufficient experience in managing relationships with various stakeholders

Skills

- Strong time management and prioritisation skills
- Ability to work collaboratively and create a participative and positive work environment
- Strong interpersonal skills with the ability to develop and maintain excellent working relationships across a variety of stakeholder groups
- Ability to reflect and learn to adapt to different situations and stakeholders
- Effective communicator: orally and in writing
- Proficient IT skills, including use of Microsoft Office programmes

Attitudes / Behaviours

- Belief in ReachOut's mission and passionate about our character building agenda
- Proactive approach and able to use initiative and creativity to find solutions to problems
- Ability to adapt to unpredictable circumstances and learn from challenging situations
- Enthusiastic and dynamic with a positive 'can-do' attitude and a clear focus on outcomes and impact
- A demonstrable commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion
- Can work flexible hours when necessary
- Willing to travel to various locations across the region to attend projects and events
- Willing to travel to other regional offices on occasion and stay overnight if required



Employee Benefits

ReachOut is committed to supporting the well-being and mental health of its employees. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Managers trained on supporting mental health and well-being and trained Mental Health First Aiders
- 29 days annual leave (3 of which are used between Christmas and New Year)
- 3% pension contribution
- Flexible working:
 - Hybrid working (Min. 2 days working in the office required)
 - Hours can be flexed around key activities and attendance at projects, meetings, events etc.
- Employee Assistance Programme.
- 2 days (or 17 hours) of volunteering within working hours.
- ReachOut is committed to supporting the professional development of its staff. This includes - but is not limited to - training opportunities and personal training budget.
- Enhanced maternity, adoption and paternity pay after one year of service.
- Monthly Character Legend staff award.
- Regular staff socials.
- Access to a health plan after passing your probationary period.



How to apply

To apply, please send your CV and a supporting statement (maximum two pages), addressing each point of the person specification, clearly describing how your skills and experience makes you suitable for this role and provide evidence for each point.

Please send both documents to hr@reachoutuk.org. In the subject line quote PO-2024.

Equal Opportunities

Please completed the equality and diversity monitoring form and submit it with your application. [Equalities Monitoring Form](#)

Key Dates

Applications Close

Tuesday 12th November 10am. Please note – we may close applications before this time if we find the right candidate, so we would recommend applying early.

Interview at our London office

Interviews will be conducted on a rolling basis.

Start date

Immediate start available

Please note: if you are a successful candidate you will be required to undergo an enhanced criminal records check with the Disclosure and Barring Service. ReachOut will cover the cost of the check and guide you through the process.

All staff have a responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and adults. The post holder will undertake the appropriate level of training and is responsible for ensuring that they understand and work within the safeguarding policies of the organisation.

Our commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion

ReachOut is committed to being an inclusive and diverse organisation. We therefore welcome applications from people of all ethnicities, ages, religious beliefs, gender identities, sexual orientations and any other protected characteristics, to provide a diverse range of experiences, ideas and insights into our work. **ReachOut wants to increase the representation of our young people amongst our staff, so if you are from these ethnic groups, we would particularly appreciate receiving your applications.**

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and what we do at reachoutuk.org



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