
Job opportunity | Learning Support Assistant Horizon Project

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Term time only | 4-5 days a week | Permanent role
Based in Tonbridge and/or Tunbridge Wells
Competitive salary [+ pension + health]

An exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic, inspiring, capable person to join our talented team at YMCA West Kent. In this vital role, you will help support trainees to overcome barriers to learning and achieve their personal goals

Job Purpose

- In each Horizon Project centre, support 2-3 trainees aged 14 to 25 who have Additional Educational Needs (AEN) and an Education Health & Care Plan.
- Work with colleagues to respond specifically to the needs of these trainees in the carpentry workshop and during their personal & social development training - enabling their inclusion in all activities.

Accountability

- Employed by West Kent YMCA.
- Accountable for health & wellbeing of AEN trainees in conjunction with keyworker & tutors.
- Supervision provided by Horizon Project Manager.

Key tasks

- Work with AEN trainees to understand their needs and respond appropriately.
- Help to ensure their work and portfolios comply with City & Guilds and NPTC standards.
- With colleagues, assist trainees with their personal and social development including formalising some aspects through the LASER qualifications and Duke of Edinburgh Awards.
- Oversee their work experience activities.
- Act as a positive role model.
- Provide reports as necessary to the Project Manager.
- Carry out any other tasks, commensurate with the purposes of the post, on the direction of the Project Manager, or Chief Executive.

Post subject to an enhanced Disclosure and written references

YMCA enables people to develop their full potential in mind, body and spirit. Inspired by, and faithful to, our Christian values, we create supportive, inclusive and energising communities, where young people can truly belong, contribute and thrive.

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Person Specification

Essential

- Learning support experience of working with young people who have challenging behaviour
- Knowledge and experience of working with young people who have learning needs and/or traumatic backgrounds, or be willing to learn
- Reliable with a flexible and patient attitude
- Driver and access to own car
- Christian or supportive of the Christian ethos of the YMCA

Desirable

- Knowledge of issues affecting young people e.g. substance misuse, family breakdown, homelessness, mental health, learning or physical disabilities, school exclusion
- Health & Safety knowledge
- Experience of working in a caring supporting environment with young people
- Experience of vocational training - construction/carpentry
- Experience of youth work, social work, support work, teaching or similar [paid or voluntary]
- Minibus driver or willing to be trained

To apply / find out more

See www.WestKentYMCA.org.uk/job or
email Jobs@WestKentYMCA.org.uk or

Call Karen 01892 542 209 or
Text LST to 07941 388 852

CVs are not considered
References & DBS essential



YMCA WEST KENT

Our Vision

Young people in need are equipped and empowered to build their future.

Our Mission

We are a local Christian charity committed to helping young men and women, of all faiths or none, particularly at times of need.

Our mission is to do this by providing the foundation that young people need, including:

- A safe and secure place to live
- A safe and supported place to learn
- A great environment in which to develop and grow, and
- An excellent standard of complete support, designed for and with young people

We aim to be the best provider of these young people's services and will work with partners who share our values and aspirations.

Our Values

We strive to be:

Inclusive	Caring
Ambitious	Honest
Inspiring	Empowering
Committed to sustainability	