



New opportunity - Volunteer Youth Workshop Facilitator

We are looking for 15 passionate and enthusiastic people to help us deliver an exciting new initiative for school children and youth groups across Scotland. No particular experience and/or skills are required however you should have empathy for others, a willingness to be involved and an interest in promoting good relations between people of different faiths and beliefs and developing a more tolerant society.

You would be helping us lead on an important educational project by working with young people to promote positive interfaith relations and to encourage religion and belief awareness with their peers and local communities.

As a volunteer, you will co-deliver interfaith dialogue workshops in schools and youth groups alongside a member of staff and we will provide you with the necessary training, skills, knowledge and support. You will have a chance to: increase your knowledge regarding interfaith issues; get support and training in running workshops; improve your public speaking skills; develop your own confidence; be part of a team of like-minded people and work with people from different backgrounds.

Training

If your application is successful, you will be required to attend a two day training course in August. You will be able to choose from two different locations/dates that suit you best. All travel expenses will be covered and we will provide you with food.

Main Tasks

1. To assist in hosting workshops on interfaith dialogue in schools and youth groups
2. Facilitate group work at the workshops
3. Support Interfaith Scotland staff at school and youth group events
4. Undergo relevant training as required by Interfaith Scotland
5. Effectively communicate key things such as:
 - who Interfaith Scotland are and why interfaith work is important for good relations between different communities in Scotland
 - what the current relevant legislation is and how it impacts on our society

Person Specification

Essential

1. An interest in, a respect for and sensitivity towards people of different religious traditions and cultures
2. Good communication skills, both oral and written
3. Highly motivated to develop good relations between people of different faith backgrounds

Desirable

1. Experience of and enthusiasm for working with young people
2. Experience of facilitating group work and running workshops
3. Experience of facilitating constructive dialogue between people from a range of different religious and cultural backgrounds
4. Understanding of negative social issues facing ethnic minorities

Location

The project is Scotland wide but we will look to match you with interested schools and youth groups in your region where possible. The delivery of interfaith workshops in your area will be offered to you when we have confirmed dates, you will then be able to accept or decline dependant on if you are free and able. We will pay all travel expenses and food.

Lines of Support

You will be supported by the Project Officer, Mel Grossman and the wider Interfaith Scotland team

Expected Hours

We anticipate each volunteer will be involved in delivering at least one workshop between September to March. However, depending on the uptake of schools and youth groups, this may increase and we would then be able to offer more workshop delivery opportunities.

Applications

If you wish to apply for this post, you will need to submit the application form (See attached).

Applications forms and enquiries should be addressed or emailed to:

Mel Grossman
523 Shields Road, Glasgow, G41 2RF
Email: mel@interfaithscotland.org
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DEADLINE: 15th June 2015

If your application is successful, the next stage in the process will be to attend a two day training course towards the end of August where you will be assessed further. We would then contact you within 7 days to inform you if you have been selected.