

Job Description and Person Specification

Role: Outdoor Education & Activity Leader



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Job Title	Outdoor Education and Activity Leader
Grade	3
Service	Outdoor Education Service
Reports to	Andrew Dowling
Location	Coombe Abbey Country Park & City Wide
Job Evaluation Code	



About Coventry City Council

Who we are: At Coventry City Council we are dedicated to making a positive difference to the services we deliver to the diverse citizens of Coventry. The work we do improves people's lives – from helping them into work to providing clean and green places to live, to keeping people safe and protected.

As a Coventry City Council employee, you have our ongoing commitment to your growth and development with opportunities to work across multiple service areas including customer contact, public health prevention and education and skills, adults and children's services and provide support for the most vulnerable.

Our aim is simple – to be globally connected, locally committed, deliver our priorities with fewer resources whilst effectively managing our performance and measuring our progress.

Our Values: We expect everyone who works for us to be committed to our One Coventry values and to share our commitment to becoming a more diverse and inclusive organisation:



About the Service your team will provide

Purpose of the role

- To be a member of the Coventry Outdoors staff team delivering a range of outdoor and environmental education activities in a variety of settings working with children, young people, families, schools and groups across Coventry.
- To support with planning of and lead on delivery of projects, programmes & sessions throughout the year and specifically working on our Education and Curriculum programmes offered to Coventry schools and working on our Holiday Activity Camps during the holiday periods.
- To be responsible for delivering informative, safe, fun and interactive activity sessions ensuring that current best practice in relation to the welfare and health and safety of children and young people is followed.
- As well as leading sessions, you will contribute to the pastoral care of children and young people providing a high standard of physical, emotional, and social care offered by Coventry Outdoors.

Main Duties & Key Accountabilities

Under the direction and support of the Outdoor Education School Programme Lead, the Outdoor Education & Activity Leader is responsible for:

- supporting with the planning of the Outdoor Education Curriculum and projects, programmes, and sessions.
- delivering a range of outdoor and environmental education programmes, sessions & activities, including Forest School in a variety of settings working with children, young people, families, schools and groups across Coventry.
- leading and delivering a range of activities including but not limited to team building, invasion games & problem solving acting as the responsible adult for groups of children and young people of all ages and abilities.
- where necessary, take a pastoral and supervisory role as a group leader, supervising children and young people during activities and outside of activity time.
- assisting with the delivery of the holiday activity programmes for children and young people focusing on engagement, participation, development, and enjoyment, working both independently and alongside other staff.
- working professionally within the team and on your own initiative, sometimes without direct supervision.
- being punctual, ensuring effective personal planning and preparation and to dress and act in a professional manner at all times.
- continuously promote and ensure the welfare and safeguarding of children and young people in your care.
- showing high levels of energy, enthusiasm, and professionalism, acting as a suitable role model for the children and young people.
- ensuring completion of any documentation required in relation to Outdoor Education Curriculum projects, programmes, and sessions, such as assessment, evaluation and risk management.
- assisting in seeking out, exploiting and securing any potential sources of external funding opportunities to support with the Outdoor Education Service delivery.

- seeking at all times to foster good relations, keeping others informed of relevant issues and developments regarding the service.
- ensuring that facilities are safe for visitors and staff at all times in accordance with City Council and departmental Health and Safety policies.
- fostering, strengthening, and maintaining positive and effective partnership relationships with service users, stakeholders, voluntary and commercial organisations.
- carrying out the duties of this post with due regard to relevant Council policies and in line with the Safety Policies and Operating Procedures of the Outdoor Education Service.
- supporting with activity set up and other ad hoc duties e.g cleaning, equipment maintenance etc.
- any other duties and responsibilities within the range of the salary grade.

Key relationships

External Schools and other Educational Settings, Community Organisations	Internal Ed Psych, School improvement, and other education professionals
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Standard information

Post holders will be accountable for carrying out all duties and responsibilities with due regard to Code of Conduct, Safeguarding, Health & Safety and the City Council's Workforce Diversity and Inclusion Policies.

Duties which include processing of any personal data must be undertaken within the corporate data protection guidelines.

Smoke Free

The City Council is Smoke - Free. Smoking is not permitted on any of our premises or the surrounding land including car parking facilities.

Training

The postholder must attend any training that is identified as mandatory to their role.

Responsible for:

Staff managed by postholder:

None

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Knowledge	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An understanding of risk management in the outdoors. • An understanding of the contribution outdoor education can make towards the personal, social and academic development of participants. • A practical understanding of diversity and inclusion at work. • Good knowledge of data protection guidelines. • Good knowledge of child protection and safeguarding issues. 	
Skills	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be Forest School trained (Desirable) • Excellent organisational skills - being able to initiate and lead programmes and provision. • To have a level of verbal and written communication skills that will facilitate the delivery of activity sessions and safety information. • To have high levels of energy, enthusiasm and reliability. 	
Abilities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ability to teach / coach groups, using a broad range of outdoor skills in a range of activities • Ability to relate well to children, young people and adults within an outdoor setting and to work as part of a small, busy and dedicated team. 	
Knowledge and Experience	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of working in a school, youth provision or outdoor setting. • Experience and/or qualification teaching team tasks, invasion games, forest school, bushcraft, survival, orienteering, river studies or have the willingness to be trained in house. • Experience of managing large groups of children, young people and adults in a range of circumstances and the ability to deliver safety briefings, activity briefings and provide supervision and support as and when needed. • National Governing Body qualifications, Leadership Awards or recognised equivalent (Level 1 or Level 2 - desirable) or qualifications in Youth Work (Level 2 or Level 3). • Remote Emergency Care First Aid qualification or willingness to undergo training. • Maths and English GCSE 4/C or above (Or equivalent) or ability to complete Maths and English Functional Skills level 2 as part of the apprenticeship. • Ability to complete the Outdoor Learning Specialist Level 5 Apprenticeship Standard or to have already achieved it prior to starting. 	

Special Requirements

- This post is exempted under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and as such appointment to this post will be conditional upon the receipt of a satisfactory response to a check of police records via Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)
- A willingness to travel to and work in Coventry when required.
- A willingness to work outside normal hours as required by the needs of the service.

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