

Youth Co-ordinator – Greenbank Church, Edinburgh

Greenbank Parish Church has the ambition to become more outward looking within our local community and to actively welcome youth and families to church. As part of this action, we are looking to employ someone with a lively Christian faith to help coordinate activities.

Greenbank is part of the Church of Scotland and is very much a parish church, sitting prominently on a main junction in the leafy suburbs of South Morningside on the south of Edinburgh. The church buildings are heavily used by the local community, particularly by the uniformed organisations such as Scouts and Guides. The church also has its own successful pre-school within the building. While hundreds of children and their parents use the buildings every week, a very small proportion of them are involved in the life, work, or worship of the Church. This is an opportunity we would like to address.

The scope of the post will be wide and varied and the person will be able to use their own skills, gifts and experience to do things in their own way, but it will likely cover the following areas:

- Developing a relationship with the children and youth who are currently part of the church and listen to their suggestions
- Reaching out to young people who are on the periphery of the church (eg those who help with special events such as holiday club) and find out what they would like from church
- Possibly serving as a link between the church and our local primary schools
- Play a leading role in the planning and running of holidays clubs and possibly after-school clubs
- Engaging with the youth organisations and other hall users, and excite them about getting involved with church activities
- To experiment with holding different kinds of social events and worship that suit young people both in terms of timings, style and content
- Helping to improve the church's online presence, particularly on social media

Person spec. - Essential:

- You have a lively Christian faith and are motivated to share the good news of Jesus
- You are a good communicator
- You are ambitious and have a positive can-do attitude
- You are able to think outside the box and have the confidence to suggest new ideas
- You have good leadership skills and are able to work as part of a team (e.g. with the Minister, the Church Administrator, the Young Church volunteers, etc)
- You must have experience of working with young people

Person spec. - Desirable:

- You have studied theology
- You know your bible
- You have good digital skills inc social media
- You are fun or funny or both

You will be expected to work on Sundays to help with Young Church in the morning and youth groups in the afternoon/evening. Otherwise, working can be on-site or hybrid as preferred. Hours can be full-time or part-time to suit.

The starting salary will be £30k (or pro-rata based on this salary) and includes 33 days holiday and pension contribution. Please note that a six month probation period will apply.

To apply, please email your CV and a cover letter to jobs@greenbankchurch.org Also if you have any questions please feel free to drop us an email to the same address.

"You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colours in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven."
(Matthew Ch5 v14).