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PARASOL PROJECT - PLAY WORKER



The Parasol Project provides inclusive, high quality, age appropriate activities for disabled and non-disabled children and young people from Oxfordshire.

We are looking for responsible, enthusiastic and energetic staff to join our team in delivering play, social and cultural activities in Oxford during school holidays.

You must be over 17 years of age, prepared to undertake relevant training and most importantly be willing to have fun and enjoy working with children and young people.

£9.50 per hour - School Holidays: Weekdays - 9.30am to 4 pm - up to 30 hours per week.

Please contact info@parasolproject.org for an application form.

Please return completed application forms to info@parasolproject.org or post to Parasol Project, Tower PlayBase, Maltfield rd, Northway, Oxford, OX39RG

Tel no: 01865742816 - Website: parasolproject.org

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STAFF TESTIMONIALS

The way Parasol works with young people is unique, authentic, fun and genuinely inclusive.

They believe in each and every young person, allow everyone to be themselves and to feel fully accepted. Parasol creates an environment that enables people to thrive.

It sees the best in everybody and creates a community for even the most vulnerable to excel in.

I've taken Parasol's attitude and skills into every job I've done since.

It set me up to be able to talk to, relate to and work with anyone, from any background, anywhere on the ability-disability spectrum. It taught me how to truly value people for who they are and most of all it taught me that work can, and should be fun.

I now run therapeutic groups in prisons and PRUs to build well being and resilience in participants. A week ago a group of prisoners fed back to me that what they had liked about the group was that I talked to them as people before seeing them as criminals.

I owe this capacity to working for Parasol.

Thalia Wallis BSc MSc



My time with the Parasol Project provided me with a wealth of experience working with children and young people with a range of physical, learning, and emotional / mental health needs. The charity refreshingly looks beyond disability, and focuses on the variety of abilities that we individually possess - the things we can do, instead of the things we can't.

With the encouragement and support of experienced staff and volunteers, I developed an array of skills that I continue to use in both my professional life as a senior practitioner in children's mental health, and in my personal life. Compassion, problem solving skills, creativity, organisational skills, and a good sense of humour to name just a few!!

Gemma Abitabile - Senior Practitioner CAMHS



Working at The Parasol Project has been a truly wonderful experience, not only the satisfaction of feeling like I was really making a difference to disabled and disadvantaged children's lives, but also it has allowed me to develop and grow as an individual. I am currently studying medicine at the University of Manchester and I believe my 6 years working for parasol, as an enabler and part of the office staff, played a huge role in both my decision to apply and ultimately my success in gaining a place.

During my time at parasol I was often struck by the extraordinary challenges faced by many individuals in their everyday lives, however, the supportive nature of the parasol management and staff allowed me to see how empathy, thoughtful communication, kindness and teamwork make all the difference in delivering effective care to vulnerable young people and their families, skills I have gone on to use regularly now. Parasol also provided important teaching and training opportunities, for example: safeguarding, first aid and disability equality training, equipping me with a broad skill set needed to work effectively and safely as an enabler.

I loved my time working at Parasol and I cannot thank them enough for giving me the opportunities that they did. I will always try and return to work for parasol for as long as I can.

Tristan Smith - Medical Student



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Job Description

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Charity Number: 1055914



Job title	Enabler	Responsible to	Playleader & Executive Director
Rates of pay	£9.50 per hour		
Hours	School Holidays: Weekdays - 9.30am to 4 pm - up to 30 hours per week. <i>(We are flexible regarding the number of days staff are available to work)</i>		
	<p><i>You may also be offered hours at the following term time groups:</i></p> <p>Youth Group: Wednesdays - 5.30pm to 8.30pm – up to 39 sessions per year. Dance Group: Saturdays - 11am to 1.30pm – up to 39 sessions per year.</p>		
Duties & responsibilities			
<p>To aid the inclusion of disabled children and young people in age appropriate activities alongside their non-disabled peers.</p> <p>To actively encourage inclusive play, recreational and social experiences for children and young people.</p> <p>To work with and support named disabled children and young people on a one to one or small group basis within Services run by Parasol or other organisations Parasol is working in partnership with.</p> <p>In liaison with parents/carers, Parasol staff and mainstream play/youth workers, to be responsible for practical arrangements about such things as transport, personal care or medication.</p> <p>To promote good practice by adhering to relevant Policies and Procedures.</p> <p>To observe confidentiality in your work for Parasol.</p> <p>To work as part of a team, to attend weekly team meetings and appraisals when instructed.</p> <p>To undertake petty cash transactions.</p> <p>To adhere to the rules and procedures in the various settings in which Parasol works.</p> <p>To be responsible for the safe keeping of any Parasol equipment used.</p> <p>To take part in relevant training courses.</p> <p>To undertake any other duties that may be required from time to time.</p>			

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Person Specification — Essential

- Commitment to working inclusively.
- Ability to communicate with children.
- Good general communication skills.
- Ability to act on own initiative.
- Ability to work as part of a team.
- Ability to prioritise and make decisions.
- Ability to respond to change positively.
- Commitment to the development of play opportunities for children of all abilities.
- Good time management.
- Applicant must be suitable to work with children and young people.

Person Specification — Desirable

- Leadership and motivational ability.
- Previous experience in working with children.
- First Aid qualification.
- DBS registered for update service.
- Safeguarding qualification/training.
- Lifting & Handling qualification/training.
- Play work qualification/training.
- Disability Equality qualification/training.
- Food Hygiene qualification/training.

IF, HAVING READ THIS JOB DESCRIPTION, YOU FEEL THAT YOU MIGHT BE
SUITABLE PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AND ASK FOR AN APPLICATION FORM.

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