

**Post:** Temporary Youth and Family Support Worker October to March 24

**Location:** Forth Valley Sensory Centre

**Salary and Hours:** £15.00 per hour x 7hours per week (22 weeks per year)  
October to March 2024

**Job Purpose:**

Forth Valley Sensory Centre is looking to employ a sessional Youth/Family support worker to provide activities, peer and family support for sensory impaired young people across the Falkirk area. The Youth Worker will bring specific additional knowledge and skills to support the existing delivery of dedicated youth work provision across the Falkirk area to make it accessible for young people with sensory loss.

There will be a specific focus on the development of a family and peer support network for the parents of children with sensory loss.

The post holder will report directly to the Operations Manager.

**Key Responsibilities:**

- Plan, organise, deliver and develop youth group and activities for young people with a sensory impairment.
- Develop and facilitate a peer support group for parents/carers of sensory impaired young people
- Gather and record outcomes of work within an evaluation Framework and provide feedback to Operations Manager.
- Plan organise and deliver a range of learning opportunities and activities.
- Plan organise and deliver a range of opportunities for families to develop peer relationships and ways that they can come together for support
- Support existing group members to participate in activities.
- Support and manage volunteers
- Deliver and record risk assessments for activities as required.
- Work with other agencies, community groups to enrich the activities on offer.
- Produce a brief monthly narrative report for inclusion in Forth Valley Update

## **Person Specification:**

- Experience of developing and delivering group activities
- Experience of working with young people
- Experience of developing and facilitating a peer network
- Experience of working with families in the community
- Experience of volunteer management
- Flexible and adaptable approach to work
- Able to work on own initiative and also as part of a team
- Project development experience
- Excellent communication and organisational skills
- Confident in the use of all Microsoft office packages
- Familiar with social media
- Interpersonal skills – working with others
- Experience of developing partnerships
- BSL skills helpful/willingness to learn

## **Skills**

- Relevant qualification in Youth Work, Community Education or Adult learning would be an advantage.
- An understanding of the impact of which sensory impairment has on the health, social and emotional wellbeing of individuals and their carers
- An aptitude for forming positive working relationships with other people in a range of health and social care settings
- Be enthusiastic and creative in promoting innovative activities.
- Good communication skills are essential.
- Ability to deal with complex issues
- Ability to develop materials and write reports

## **Experience**

- Experience of working directly with adults, young people and or children.
- Experience of working with people with a sensory loss or additional needs would be desired but not essential.
- BSL an advantage but training is available
- A willingness to undertake appropriate training is an essential aspect of this post.

## **Communications and Contacts**

### **Internal:**

- Liaise with partners based in Forth Valley Sensory Centre

### **External:**

- The postholder must be able to demonstrate a genuine commitment to working in partnership with service users, as well as hub partners within the Third Sector (including Health and Social work) as well as private organisations, local authorities, NHS and Education.

**Environment**

- The post is based within Forth Valley Sensory Centre with occasional travel across the Forth Valley area required.
- Some work out with normal working hours is anticipated.
- Post is subject to a valid PVG.