

Job Title: Project Worker
Job Location: Royal Hospital for Children and young People and Community Venues
Reports to: Children's Wellbeing Lead

About this job

We are seeking two Project Workers who will deliver ECHC's wellbeing and resilience outreach programme. You will work alongside sessional workers, artists and volunteers, under the guidance of the Wellbeing Lead and Wellbeing and Resilience Officer. Your role will be to provide support and advice to children, young people and their families (CYPF). You will deliver activities that build confidence and self-esteem, using wellbeing and resilience techniques enabling CYPF to better cope with their individual challenges.

Wellbeing and Resilience Outreach

Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity have developed a new and exciting project which supports the wellbeing and resilience of children and young people who are struggling with their mental health. This project will support the whole family (child, parents/guardian, siblings, grandparents etc.) through these challenging times, by offering support and advice. We will pilot this programme over a two year period in two locations. The first will be rural, East Lothian based and the second urban, within Edinburgh City. You will be required to travel to both locations and will be based at the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People, Edinburgh.

Hospital Youth Work

As part of this role, you will work alongside the hospital youthwork team to gain experience of working with children, young people and their families in a healthcare setting. You will initially work in The Hub wellbeing centre and on the hospital wards in the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People, spending time with CYPF and ECHC's Children's Wellbeing Service team to understand our approach to working with CYPF. You will also be given bespoke training following the PACE model, to promote the experience of safety in your interactions with children and young people.

Areas of Responsibility

As a member of the Children's Wellbeing Team, you will work with children, young people and families who are struggling with their mental health, by providing a range of focused and engaging activities, support and advice, in an evidence-based age appropriate, and engaging way.

You will work in collaboration with ECHC Arts programme and Volunteer service to provide meaningful engagements for children and young people and signposting to other services as required, by linking with partner organisations. You will support children and young people to feel empowered and build confidence through creating opportunities for peer befriending, peer support programmes and young volunteering.

You will link with other agencies and organisations to signpost children, young people and their families to places of support and advice, facilitating introductions as required or providing information/advice sessions. You will also collaborate with the ECHC Arts Programme, Youth Work programme and Volunteer service to provide meaningful engagements for children and young people and their families.



You will comply with appropriate policies and procedures in line with legislative and regulatory requirements; and deliver agreed best practice in all activities, as well as working within agreed frameworks regarding safeguarding, confidentiality, and professional practice. You will maintain up to date knowledge of local and national provision for children's, young people, and family's wellbeing; and, of research, policy, and practice in relation to young people's wellbeing.

Additional

You will assist EHC colleagues in any activities which will help to sustain the charity. This will include, for example, providing information for marketing purposes, informing funding applications, providing support for funder visits to the service and any other duties appropriate to the role and in line with the needs of EHC.

You will establish, maintain, and further develop relationships with all EHC's identified groups of stakeholders, in particular engaging with cyf.

You will enable the organisation to transform the experiences of babies, children, young people, and their families, by supporting the delivery of the organisation's Children's Wellbeing Service.

REQUIREMENTS	ESSENTIALS	DESIRABLE
<u>Education & Qualifications</u>	Educated to HND level in youth work or community education or with equivalent professional experience	Registered with the community learning and development (CLD) standards council

<u>Experience & Knowledge</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recent experience of working with children and young people ▪ Experience of delivering group sessions and activities for young people ▪ Experience of achieving positive outcomes for children and young people ▪ Knowledge of issues and barriers that young people face, supporting them to achieve positive outcomes ▪ Experience of working to keep young people safe from harm ▪ Ability to build positive relationships with young people ▪ Understanding of the risks involved in working with young people ▪ Understanding of the use of marketing to promote engagement of young people ▪ Ability to work with young people to co-produce, develop and deliver the service ▪ Sound knowledge of the available services and organisations which children, young people and families could be signposted to for support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Experience of working in a healthcare environment ▪ Experience of fundraising organisations ▪ Experience of working with volunteers ▪ Experience of working with children and young people who struggle with their mental health. ▪ Experience of support the whole family (parent/carers, siblings, grandparents etc.)
<u>Skills and Attributes</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Excellent oral, written, and listening skills for a range of audiences, especially young people ▪ Ability to build rapport and trust with young people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Experience in organising, coordinating, and running a calendar of events including seasonal activities and trips ▪ Experience in delivering services and designing projects in consultation with children & young people

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Patience, tolerance, and sensitivity; mature and non-judgmental outlook ▪ Ability to work independently ▪ Enthusiasm and resilience ▪ Ability to set and maintain clear and appropriate boundaries 	
<p><u>Additional</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A passion for the rights of children and young people, and the strategic aim and purpose of ECHC ▪ Positive, persuasive, motivational individual with an obvious enthusiasm for the work of ECHC ▪ The ability to manage expectations of stakeholders to achieve the best result for both them and the organisation ▪ An effective and empathic communicator ▪ Required to work regular evenings ▪ Willing to work weekends as required ▪ Willing to undertake additional study or learning as required to fulfil this developing role ▪ Professional and convey the values of ECHC at all times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Full UK driving licence ▪ Access to a car