



JOB DESCRIPTION

Title of Post:	SPaCE26 Missional Community Facilitator
Responsible to:	The Kirk Session of Slateford Longstone Parish Church
Date:	April 2025
Main Purpose of post:	To generate further connections between Church and Community so as to create support for Care Experienced Young People within the SPaCE26 Missional Community

SPaCE26 is a project that is informed by the 5 pillars of the Promise Scotland and is aimed at building a supportive network for individuals either currently in care or leaving care. The purpose of the Missional Community Facilitator will be to liaise with local organisations e.g. schools, colleges, social care, job centres, charitable organisations etc, to identify people who could benefit from attending specifically designed groups and courses that aim to develop skills and foster confidence in each individual who attends the various groups and courses. Examples of topics that may be included in the sessions could be: -

- Activities of Daily Living (Shopping, cooking, healthy eating, budgeting, using community resources)
- Employment (reviewing job descriptions, how to apply, writing CV's, planning for interviews, interview skills, presenting yourself for interview)
- Recreational pastimes or hobbies (gardening, knitting, sewing, music, dance)

The above brief examples provide a flavour of topics however the content and aim of each group will be flexible and will be determined by the needs of each individual group.

The overall aim of the groups/sessions is to offer opportunities for each person attending to gain personal positive outcomes. The success of this project will be determined by gathering evidence using specifically designed questionnaires that will be issued to all individuals at the end of each session. This will allow each person to provide their own evidence on the content of the group and whether attending the group has been helpful to them. Support for the groups/sessions will come from a variety of options including, congregations from the church, local and community organisation and the wider locality as determined by the Missional Community Facilitator.

MAIN DUTIES

- To assess the potential of a church to be effective in this space
- To make this potential known in the right spaces and places within the community
- To bring care experienced individuals into a space (SPaCE26) where they can benefit from the support and help of the church.
- To pilot at least one group that evidences the potential of the project

PERSON SPECIFICATION

- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Ability to build rapport quickly and easily with individuals regardless of differing backgrounds and culture
- Have a non-judgemental approach to people attending and involved with the project
- Sound organisational skills
- Experience in setting up and running groups – a good Team Player with Management skills
- Knowledge of the local community-based organisations such as schools, colleges, job centres, social services
- Flexible in nature to adapt groups to meet individual needs
- Experience in report writing
- Confident in using Microsoft Office packages
- Experience of using Social Media sites
- Experience in gathering data to provide evidence-based data on which to measure the efficacy of the project: some knowledge in using databases to source and update individual information.
- This project is rooted in the Christian faith and the Facilitator will be in sympathy with the faith and values upon which the community is based.

TERMS

- This is an 8 hrs per week part-time, 12month pilot post. The hours will be flexible and agreed with the Line Manager
- There will be the option of increasing the hours with the sourcing of funds.
- Salary is equivalent to NHS Band 4 mid-scale and offers £16 per hour
- The post is based at Edinburgh: Slateford Longstone Church
- There are 5 weeks paid leave pro-rata in each year which runs from 1 April to 31 March. There are also 9 statutory holidays.
- Travel expenses by public transport or by use of own car at mileage rates agreed by the Employer, will be paid on the presentation of receipts or mileage.
- Membership of Disclosure Scotland PVG Scheme will be required.
- In order to comply with the Asylum and Immigration Act 1996, the successful applicant will be asked to provide document(s) confirming their eligibility to work in the United Kingdom.
- Further Terms and Conditions such as Complaints process and Notice requirements can be discussed through enquiring below

Informal enquiries can be made to Rev Sam Torrens Telephone 07808664194 Email storrens@churchofscotland.org.uk

Closing Date: 21 April 2025