

East Park

Job Description

Job Title:	Learning Support Worker (Workmates)
Responsible to:	Workmates Service Manager
Responsible for:	N/A
Working Environment:	Internal / External
External Contacts:	Various
Date of Last Review	January 2021

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- To support their participation in planned activities relating to learning, life and work
- To attend reviews and other meetings, as required
- To maintain, to the required standard, relevant records
- To participate in interagency working
- Provide, as required, support to Workmates Young People who are not key-clients
- Work collaboratively to facilitate learning; and
- Liaise with senior staff with regard to the design and delivery of learning appropriate programmes.

YOUNG PEOPLE

- Assist in the preparation and delivery of Young People's individualised time-tables.
- Record and report on individual progress.
- Support Young People's in everyday activities, including for example; College attendance, community learning, leisure activities and independent living.
- Enable Young People to develop and use personal strengths and skills
- Support and assist, where required, Young People in meeting their personal care needs.
- In conjunction with colleagues and/or senior staff, liaise with individual and/or agencies involved with the Young Person.

ORGANISATION

- Participate in identified staff development activities, both externally and within East Park;

OTHER STAFF

- To work collegiately to facilitate the best outcomes for Young People.
- Work collaboratively with placement students.
- Participate with managers and senior staff in:
 - performance appraisal; and
 - identification of own and team development/training needs.

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Any other duties as directed by the Workmates Service Manager / Head of Education
- To comply with East Park's Safeguarding policies
- To comply with East Park's Health and Safety policy
- To comply with East Park's Equal Opportunities policy
- To promote Confidentiality as detailed in East Park's Code of Conduct policy
- Promote East Park at all times
- Treat both internal and external colleagues with respect and secure effective working relationships with all colleagues across East Park

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Person Specification**

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KEY FACTOR	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
Work Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sensitive to individual needs. ▪ Able to plan appropriate activities, take initiative and follow through. ▪ Able to demonstrate appropriate support skills. ▪ Effective communication and presentation skills. ▪ Accurate and effective record keeping. ▪ Professional approach to Young People, colleagues and other contacts. ▪ Able to work co-operatively as part of a team. ▪ Ability to plan and manage time effectively. ▪ Able to follow procedures and adhere to guidelines. ▪ Positive attitude to support, supervision and professional development. ▪ Understanding of risk management. ▪ Organised approach to work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Emotional maturity ▪ Ability to work in a team and as an individual. ▪ Reflective practitioner ▪ Calmness and emotional resilience when working with young people with challenging behaviour. ▪ A good understanding of one's own abilities and limitations.
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Understanding of Young People's needs. ▪ Social care qualification or willingness to undertake (SVQ3/HNC or other SSSC approved equivalent qualification.) ▪ IT skills ▪ Value other cultures and religions and have an understanding of people with disabilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Knowledge of current policy and practice trends in relation to adult support services. ▪ Knowledge of adult protection/ safeguarding principles. ▪ Experience of working with a diverse range of people. ▪ Ability to challenge discrimination appropriately.
Expertise & Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Some experience of working with young people with physical/learning disabilities, autistic spectrum disorder and challenging behaviour. ▪ Full driving licence required to be held for 2 years and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Experience of working with young people in a variety of settings.

	eligibility to be added to East Park insurance	
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flexibility in work settings – may be required to visit any East park site• Commitment to continuous improvement and continued professional development	