

Children's Worker

To support our ongoing work, we are looking to appoint a capable and enthusiastic team member to support the provision of our children's ministry. Emmanuel has a large and growing number of children with four separate age groups in our Sunday provision. The children's ministry has developed beyond Sundays to include a number of family events including Light Parties, Christmas and Easter events and a summer holiday club.

We are looking for an individual who has a passion to see children engaging with the gospel and growing in their lives of discipleship, who can help us to continue to improve the quality of our children's work. Our aim is for all our children to attend well planned provision led by well trained volunteers; for all those involved in children's ministry to share this heart for children and find creative ways for our children to interact with the gospel and experience its challenge, comfort and joy for themselves. It is also our desire for children to build strong friendships with each other and benefit from integration into the wider church family.

Key responsibilities

- Leadership of the children's work teams and ministry.
- Recruitment and induction of new children's work team members.
- Ownership and development of children's work curriculum.
- Planning and preparation of children's work resources.
- Working in partnership with the Families Lead to plan and run events for families.
- Potential to support the running of the Jellytots toddler group.
- Ensuring Safeguarding procedures are implemented across children's work ministry.

The ideal candidate would have experience working with children (0-12 years old), developing curriculum and planning and delivering engaging teaching materials. They would be able to lead and inspire others; and to take initiative in creating new opportunities within the wider community on Emmanuel's behalf. For the right candidate there would be the opportunity to engage in wider training opportunities within our Catalyst family of churches.

Person specification

Essential

- High levels of initiative and organizational skill.
- Ability to lead and inspire others.
- Ability to motivate, manage and support volunteers.
- Ability to work independently and flexibly.
- A background in education or working with children more widely.
- Well-developed interpersonal skills, able to communicate clearly and effectively.
- Must be willing to undergo an enhanced DBS check.

Desirable

- Experience of child safeguarding.
- Proficiency working with the Microsoft suite of applications.
- Experience of managing budgets.



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Key details

- Salary range: £25,290 - £27,353, full time equivalent, dependent upon experience
- Hours: 2.5 days p/w
- Annual Leave: Five weeks plus Bank Holidays (Pro-Rata). There is possibility to discuss how the hours are split to offer greater flexibility around school holidays.
- Location: Role based in the Church office
- Start date: September 2024 (earlier start date would be considered)
- Please note that the person fulfilling this role will need to be a committed Christian who shares alignment with Emmanuel's vision and values, and the expectation is that the successful applicant will be or become an active member of Emmanuel Church Oxford.

This Role is reporting to and supported by the Families Leader, Lauren Enright.

Please note that this is one of a number of part-time roles currently advertised within Emmanuel, we would consider combining part-time roles to form a full-time role.

Please feel free to enquire about this position, or to apply please send your CV and covering letter to Matt Partridge, Senior Pastor, mpartridge@emmanueloxford.org.

Application deadline: 17th April 2024