

The Job

Job Title	Play Worker
Place of Work	Dinas Community and Family Hub
Main Purpose	<p>To work as a member of the Community and Family Hub supporting all the work of the Hub, working as part of the Youth and Play work Team to deliver activities and services that meet the needs of the Dinas community. There will be some evening and weekend work.</p> <p>Valleys Kids is committed to the participation of local people in the provision and management of community activities, in accordance with the charitable objectives of the organisation.</p>
Responsible to	The Co-ordinator of the Community and Family Hub
Main Tasks	
Play Work	<p>Working with groups of children up to the age of 13 years, in open-access, free-play After School sessions and junior youth sessions. Play has a vital role to play in the development of healthy children and the worker will have a lead role in developing a programme of stimulating and fun, play provision that will include free-play sessions and arts and crafts. The staff member will also be responsible for facilitating a weekly Parent and Toddler session.</p> <p>Typical provision includes a morning Parent & Toddler session and After School provision for children 5 – 10 years and 11 – 13 years. The staff member will also plan, organise and deliver, school holiday playschemes, out of centre activities and overnight residential work.</p>
Community Work	The Community and Family Hub makes provision for all ages in the community and have a particular commitment to supporting families. The worker will help to develop the family work of the Hub and encourage the participation of volunteers, drawn from the community and the youth provision.
Administration	Maintaining accurate records is an important part of the work and the worker will be responsible for keeping accurate registers and ensuring that the work is recorded and evaluated. The staff member will also contribute to Team meetings and help develop the provision through a process of evaluation and reflection. The staff member will also share responsibility for the Hub's social media presence.
Other Responsibilities	The worker will carry out any other reasonable duties as designated by the Coordinator of the Community and Family Hub.

The Person

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The person we are looking for will be able to demonstrate the following:

- A Level 3 or above qualification in play work.
- Excellent communication skills, written and verbal.
- A high level of competence in the use of IT
- A minimum of two years' experience in play work.
- A knowledge and an understanding of play practice in a community setting.
- An understanding of using Play Wales Guidelines on playwork practice.
- Experience of supporting volunteers
- Experience of working in a team but able to work on their own initiative
- An understanding of equality, diversity, and inclusion
- An understanding of the effect of poverty on families
- A current driving licence (desirable)
- A current DBS
- An understanding of Safeguarding, and Health & Safety practice and processes.

The Information

Application Form	Forms can be requested from and should be returned to Lynfa@valleyskids.org or Lynfa Hull, Office Manager, Valleys Kids, 1 Cross Street, Penygraig, Tonypany, CF40 1LD.
Closing Date	The closing date for completed application forms will be 11.59pm on Monday 6th December 2021 Please include a telephone number where you can be contacted (either daytime or evening as preferred).
Interviews	Interviews will be held at Valleys Kids, 1 Cross Street, Penygraig, Tonypany, CF40 1LD on the 14th or 15th December 2021
Further Information	If you need more information or would like to discuss any aspect of the job before your application please telephone on 01443 430653 and speak to Roger Wilcox

OUTLINE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Salary	The salary is £ 23,080.per annum, pro rata (£12 per hour).
Hours	14 hours per week. To be worked flexibly over the week including evening and weekends.
Holidays	There are 25 working days pro rata per year plus statutory holidays.
Probationary Period	There is a six-month probationary period during which time there will be one month's notice period.
Notice Period	For the first two years of employment staff are entitled to one months notice and after two years employment entitlement is two months notice.
Location	The job is based at Dinas Community and Family Hub,
Other benefits	Valleys Kids is an exciting place to work. It is a small organisation committed to the area and the people of South Wales. The organisation also offers flexibility in the way staff work. If you have any particular questions please telephone on 01443 430653 and speak to Roger Wilcox.

About Valleys Kids

Our Vision

Valleys Kids successfully supports individuals, families and communities in creating opportunities for achieving their full potential and broadening their horizons.

Our Mission

Valleys Kids will:

- Enable children and young people to grow and develop through play, education, recreation and creative activities.
- Enable young people who are alienated from society to develop their self respect and help them to play a constructive role in their community.
- Enable adults to improve their circumstances, their sense of well-being and their environment.
- Encourage local people to find their own solutions to the challenges which face their community.
- Empower local communities to shape the way in which services are provided and to increase the resources available to them.

VALLEYS KIDS 1977–2021

Valleys Kids is a registered Charity and Company limited by guarantee. It was established in 1977 as Penygraig Community Project and became Valleys Kids in 1999.

The organisation has worked to:

- release the potential within communities to help counteract the effects of social deprivation;
- enable people to grow as individuals; and
- find solutions to problems within their community.

We start from the standpoint that everyone can contribute to his or her community. Everyone has something to give. The 'disadvantaged' are not the problem: they are the part of the solution. We cannot succeed unless they succeed.

Valleys Kids delivers both open access and targeted provision. There are four Community and Family Hubs. They provide pre- school, out of school play, youth clubs, 16+ groups, drama workshops, youth theatre, children's creative dance, theatre, music and dance

events, and a variety of activities for adults.

As well as the four Community and Family Hubs, there is

‘Sparc’ (a Youth Arts Project), The Family Team and a Residential and Activity Centre in the Gower. There is also a trading subsidiary developing social enterprises which include The Factory, The Play Yard and the Coffi Red Cafes. The Local Authority, the Arts Council of Wales, Trusts, businesses and individual benefactors are all key to supporting the work of the organisation.

Valleys Kids has won a British Urban Regeneration Association Award and the awarding Panel stated: “The Panel was particularly impressed by its complexity and the quality of the services it provides. The project is truly inspirational and ambitious. It demonstrates best practice in all aspects of its work. The Project has clearly shown its ability to flourish and work to the highest standards.”

In 2013 a book was published about the work of Valleys Kids, “*Can you hear me? Valleys Kids finding answers 1977-2013*”. At the launch of the book, the Chair of the Arts Council said: “It is a book that demands to be read beyond our valleys, beyond Wales, wherever better practices are seen as a recipe for real lives to grow in real places. Dedicated staff decided to make a difference to many lives by listening to them, empowering them and learning from them”.

Dinas Community & Family Hub – Dinas

is based in a small community flat in Pen Dinas, which consists of 5 blocks of flats that have been transformed by a local housing association. Despite its modest proportions, the flat is used by people of all ages in the community.