

The Job

Job Title	Youth Worker
Place of Work	Dinas Community and Family Hub
Main Purpose	<p>The youth and community worker will work as part of the Team to deliver activities and services that meet the needs of the Dinas community.</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	
Youth Work	<p>Valleys Kids has a commitment to support the most vulnerable and challenging young people while meeting the needs of all young people in the community. The Dinas Family Hub provides open-access youth work and play work provision and the post holder will take a leading role in planning, organising and delivering, appropriate youth work activities and programmes. These will include out of centre trips, holiday youth provision, overnight residential work and 121 work with young people. The role will require you to work evenings, some weekends and school holiday periods.</p>
Administrative Duties	<p>The post holder will participate in Team meetings, monitor and evaluate the quality of youth provision; provide support for the Hub coordinator; liaise with partner agencies and community groups and provide support for colleagues. The post holder will also file and store data using online systems, such as Google docs, as well as be responsible for the hub's social media presence.</p> <p>The staff member will also help support and develop volunteers.</p>
Play Work	<p>Play has a vital role to play in the development of healthy children and young people and the role will require you to support the delivery of After School Play provision, and provide evening youth sessions for 13- 18 year olds. The post holder will also support the Play worker to deliver holiday playschemes and residential work.</p>
Other Responsibilities	<p>The postholder will carry out any other reasonable duties as designated by the Coordinator of the Community and Family Hub.</p>

The Person

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

- Level 3 qualification or above in youth work.
- A minimum of two year's experience in youth work is essential with some experience of play work desirable.
- Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal.
- A high level of competence in the use of IT.
- Knowledge of current issues affecting young people.
- Experience of supporting volunteers.
- Experience of working in a team but able to work on their own initiative.
- A current DBS.
- An understanding of Safeguarding, and Health & Safety practice and processes.
- A driving licence (desirable)

The Information

Application Form	Application forms can be requested from and completed forms should be returned to Lynfa@valleyskids.org or Lynfa Hull, Admin Officer, Valleys Kids, 1 Cross Street, Penygraig, Tonypany, CF40 1LD.
Closing Date	The closing date for completed application forms will be 11.59pm Monday 6th of 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	12 hours per week. To be worked flexibly and will include evenings and weekends.
Holidays	25 working days per year, on a pro rata basis plus statutory holidays.
Probationary Period	There is a six-month probationary period during which time there will be one months notice period.
Notice Period	Two months, once the probationary period has been successfully completed.
Location	The job is based in Dinas Community and Family Hub Penygraig.
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 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.