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**FIRWOOD CHURCH**

**CHILDREN'S AND FAMILY OUTREACH WORKER**

**(Fixed Term for 9 months)**

**Salary £12,000 per annum (JNC 2)**

- 1 Firwood Church invites applications for the above post which is fixed term for a 9 month period.
- 2 Salary will be £12,000 per annum (pro rata £9,000) according to relevant experience and qualifications.
- 3 Applications should be returned by 12:00 noon on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March to:

Firwood Church  
300 Middleton Road  
Oldham  
OL9 6JH

Email: [life@firwoodchurch.com](mailto:life@firwoodchurch.com)  
Tel: 0161 6574620

- 4 Informal enquiries may be made to Stephen Evans, Eden Team Leader.  
Email: [stephen.evans@firwoodchurch.com](mailto:stephen.evans@firwoodchurch.com)
- 5 If you have not been contacted within four weeks of the above closing date you should assume that, on this occasion, your application has not been successful. We would, however, like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in working with Firwood Church and we hope that this will not deter you from applying for other positions in the future.

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## JOB DESCRIPTION: CHILDREN'S & FAMILY OUTREACH WORKER

<b>Location:</b>	Westwood, Oldham
<b>Hours:</b>	35 hours per week (some evening and weekend work will be required, plus Saturday mornings)
<b>Date:</b>	Commencing 1 April 2010 to 31 December 2010
<b>Contract term:</b>	Fixed Term Contract
<b>Grade:</b>	£12,000 per annum (pro rata £9,000) (JNC 2)
<b>Reviews:</b>	3 months probation, review (where applicable)

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**Responsible to:** Eden Team Leader  
**Accountable to:** Pastors Team

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### Summary of main purpose of the position:

This is a key role developed in response to specific opportunities identified in the community, namely the need for relational outreach work with children and families in the Westwood and wider Oldham area with a particular focus on children under and approaching high school age. This role will involve building on the existing youth provision and developing new projects under the direction of the Eden Team Leader.

### Main duties and responsibilities:

- Initiating contact with the young people in the Westwood area, developing appropriate responses to their needs with the help of the Eden Team and Firwood Church.
- Regular pro-active engagement with young people through detached street work.
- Developing and coordinating community based youth activities.
- Developing ongoing positive relationships with pupils and staff of local schools, including the planning and delivery of assemblies, lessons and extra curricular clubs.
- Holistic mentoring of young people, helping them to access key services and personal growth opportunities.
- Taking initiative in generating opportunities for local youth to explore the Christian faith.
- Contacting the families of young people accessing services provided by Firwood Church.
- Networking with other community agencies present in the Westwood area.
- Developing a Children's Ministry, incorporating a Saturday morning Kids Club and building relationship with families and to coordinating a team of volunteers.
- Develop, organise and run the Church Friday Cafe with the specific aim of developing local community ties.
- Mentoring trainee youth leaders and developing a strategy to involve young people and encourage them to use God-given gifts.
- Identify and, under the direction of the Eden Team Leader, coordinate applications for the funding of related projects and posts.
- Assisting the Eden Team Leader in any other duties appropriate to this level of post.

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**Mandatory expectations:**

- To set an example in team life and commitment to ethos and values of Firwood Church and of The Message Trust
- To be in full agreement with the mission and ethos of Firwood Church & The Message Trust
- To be committed to the vision of Firwood Church
- To live in the Westwood area along with the rest of the team

**Other aspects of the work:**

- To encourage the spiritual development of young people
- To undertake ongoing training and personal development
- To develop own role in conjunction with the team and your gifts
- To work in collaboration with other areas of Eden Westwood / Firwood Church
- To be pro-active in sourcing funding for the ongoing costs of the project
- To identify potential funding sources and seek contributions to the ministry
- To enter fully into The Message Trust team life, inc. prayer meetings etc.

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