

JOB DESCRIPTION

- Job Title:** Circuit Youth and Children's Worker
- Location:** Knock Methodist Circuit
(composed of Braniel Church, Dundonald Methodist and Knock Methodist)
- Responsible to:** The Youth and Children's Worker will be employed by the Knock Methodist Circuit and report to a line manager appointed by the Circuit Executive.

Purpose and Objectives: The Circuit Youth and Children's Worker will:

- Support young people to grow socially, emotionally, and spiritually.
- Work with and develop a team of volunteers to work with youth and children's ministry.
- Nurture young people as disciples of Jesus, helping them to find their place within the life of the church, their community and world by their participation and the use of their gifts and talents.
- Develop opportunities for children and young people to learn about, explore, share and live out their faith.

Main Responsibilities:

- Lead the Circuit Youth Fellowship (Sundays 7-8.30pm)
- Attend Sunday morning worship on a rotating basis at the three churches.
- Lead the Youth Club at Knock Methodist (Saturdays 6.30-8.00pm)
- Develop a new programme for youth and children's ministry at Dundonald Methodist and at the Braniel Church.
- Organise outreach events for children and families (e.g. Messy Church).
- Deliver school assemblies
- Participate in leadership of worship, particularly children's moments and all-age services.
- Organise the Sunday morning Bible class and rota for Children's moment at Knock Methodist.
- Mentoring - support youth by meeting with small groups
- Co-ordinate and/or lead groups of young people attending selected residential events such as Autumn Soul, Soul Mates, and Summer Madness.
- Organise a programme of activities during school holiday periods.
- Collaborate with other youth workers in nearby churches and explore possible joint activities
- Provide support, training and resources for volunteer youth leaders.
- Ensure that all child protection guidelines are followed.
- Create and maintain accurate records appropriate to the role.
- Any other duties as needed that are related to the role.

Terms and conditions:

Terms of appointment:	Permanent position – with initial six month probationary period
Remuneration:	Starting salary in line with the directions of the Methodist Church in Ireland (£22,300 for qualified vocational workers), with the potential for future incremental increases related to performance.
Hours of work:	36 hours per week, which includes regular hours in the evening and weekend and occasional residential events.
Expenses:	All reasonable expenses will be reimbursed, including a mobile phone allowance and necessary mileage. These will need to be agreed with the line manager first.
Holiday entitlement:	28 days annual leave entitlement per year
Checks and References:	Appointment will be subject to a satisfactory enhanced Access NI clearance and references.

How to apply: If you are interested in applying, please submit a completed application form (including the names and contact details of two referees, one of which should be your minister/pastor) to Rev. Britt Gilmore by 2pm on 22nd October, 2018.