

LEEDS FAITH IN SCHOOLS

SCHOOLS WORKER
£25,066 FULL TIME OR PART TIME

1 YEAR FIXED TERM CONTRACT (EXTENSION SUBJECT TO FUNDING)

Leeds Faith in Schools. Registered Charity no 1106036.
A company limited by guarantee.
C/O The Cottage, Raynel Drive, Leeds, LS16 6BS

LOCATION: LEEDS FAITH IN SCHOOLS, THE COTTAGE, RAYNEL DRIVE, LEEDS, LS16 6BS

WHO ARE LEEDS FAITH IN SCHOOLS?

We exist to be good news to the high schools of Leeds. Working in long term partnerships with schools across the city, we work to support schools through effective teaching the Christian faith, extracurricular activities and clubs and pastoral support. We seek to positively contribute to schools spiritual, moral, social and cultural obligations (SMSC) while making a meaningful difference in the lives of young people. The project is ecumenical and is overseen by a board of Trustees drawn from across the churches of Leeds.

JOB PURPOSE

To provide a consistent, credible Christian presence in our partner schools. To be a resource to schools by supporting learning, extra curricular activities and working to support young people through compassionate pastoral care. Accountable to the LFIS team leader, the team supports the development and implementation of the wider LFIS vision for young people.

HOURS

Full-time, 37 hours per week available although part time applications would be welcomed – holidays will be taken outside of term time with other parts of the school holidays used for planning and supporting wider youth focused projects. Much of the working week is spent in school although time with the wider LFIS team is a key part of the weekly routine.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- To be involved in the school community by offering appropriate supportive relationships with individual pupils, school staff and others, as a representative of the Christian community.
- To establish and run lunchtime clubs and contribute in group meetings.
- To use personal experience of Christian faith to contribute to the writing and delivery of assemblies, lessons and other schoolwork initiatives.
- To be involved in extra-curricular activities.
- To support young people generally and in specific areas, e.g. friendship, individually and in small group settings in school.
- To support Christian pupils and teachers and other interested adults in Christian outreach in schools.
- To develop ways of linking schools and churches, so that church groups have an active concern for teachers and pupils, and a desire to support schools.
- To report to the Team Leader weekly and attend team meetings and lead devotional times.
- To be responsible for effective administration of their work.
- To network with others involved in youth work in the local area, Leeds and the UK as appropriate.

The duties and activities of this work mean that there is a genuine occupational requirement for the post-holder to be a Christian.

ESSENTIAL SKILLS

- A committed Christian who shares the aims and vision of LFIS.
- Ability to relate well with young people and adults.
- Ability to communicate effectively with young people in large and small groups in a school setting.
- Ability to work as part of a team and on their own.
- Ability to use own initiative.
- Reliable and good timekeeper.
- Ability and willingness to work at weekends and in the evening on occasion.
- Able to plan and organise their own work programme with the minimum of supervision.
- Ability to travel around the city to meet the needs of the job.
- Ability to communicate their faith and testimony appropriately in a school environment.

DESIRABLE SKILLS

- Able to communicate effectively with large groups in a range of settings and to different types of audience
- Own Transport
- JNC or equivalent Qualifications



CLOSING DATE: 15TH NOVEMBER
INTERVIEWS: 26TH NOVEMBER

TO REQUEST AN APPLICATION PLEASE EMAIL INFO@LFIS.ORG



VISION AND VALUES

Who are Leeds Faith in Schools?

OUR HISTORY

Since September 1994 Leeds Faith in Schools has been Good News to Leeds high schools, providing a professional and flexible resource in a changing world of education. The organisation is led by a team of volunteer trustees representing the Church across Leeds and with support from Ben Cordy, the LFIS team leader.

OUR VISION

To see a sustained presence of Christian youth workers who are positive role models in every high school in the city and to be a bridge for local churches to serve in their local schools.

OUR TEAM

We are currently a team of 5 made up of 3 schools workers, one project administrator and a team leader.

We hold the safeguarding of our staff, volunteers and young people in high regard and therefore require an enhanced DBS check and two references for all our team.

OUR WORK

Education – We work to bring the Christian Faith to life for young people, facilitating their exploration of spirituality and faith. We work to create spaces for young people to experience prayer, to ask questions and to discover more about our faith through the delivery of R.E. and P.S.H.E. lessons and assemblies.

Recreational Clubs – We support young people through lunch clubs, after school groups, Christian Unions and community drop in groups. We seek to ensure young people can find places to belong and to support Christian students and staff in their faith.

Mentoring – We build positive relationships with young people, encourage them to reach their potential and view themselves in a positive light, through pastoral support.

OUR SCHOOLS

Each week we work in nine High Schools in Leeds: Abbey Grange Academy, Benton Park School, Brigshaw High School, Carr Manor Community School, Garforth Academy, Guiseley School, Prince Henry's Grammar School, Wetherby High School and Priesthorpe.

In addition we have input on an ad hoc basis into several other high schools across Leeds.

Each week, we estimate we come into contact with over 1,800 young people in our different core activities as we strive to make a difference in the lives of the young people of our city.



OUR VALUES

JESUS CENTRED, TO HAVE FUN, TO BE PROFESSIONAL, WORK AS A TEAM, BE RELATIONAL, BE CREATIVE, TREAT EVERYONE AS VALUABLE AND TO BE COMMITTED TO LEARNING

Our Team, Trustees and Supporters