

Youth Work Student



Organisation: Bar 'n' Bus Trust
Address: c/o Hadleigh Farm Estate, Castle Lane, Hadleigh, SS7 2AP
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Hours: Full Time Student (including volunteer placement hours, lectures and studies)
Length: 3 Academic Years (September – July)
Age: 20+
Job Title: Youth Work Student
Responsible To: Youth Development Worker
Job Purpose: Bar n Bus Trust exists to enable young people to develop, grow, learn and thrive. We offer a range of programmes reaching out to young people within communities including detached and mobile youth work, school programmes and counselling.

Whilst studying towards a degree in the field of Youth Work, you will work within the Youth Development Team, assisting the planning, development and delivery of youth work provision to support young people (10-19) to work through the challenges that face them, grow as individuals and make a positive impact on their community.

Primary Working Relationships

Youth Development Team - You will be an active member of the Youth Development Team, working with Youth Development Workers to pioneer and deliver a range of youth work services within the community.

Volunteers – You will work alongside and support volunteers assisting to work of the Youth Development Team

Core Tasks:

- To support youth work delivery across a range of programmes including detached youth work, schools' engagement and group work activities providing for the social, physical, emotional and spiritual needs of young people
- To build positive and supportive relationships with young people assessing need and responding appropriately in order to progress positive, social, spiritual and emotional development

- Participate in the spiritual life of Bar 'n' Bus (through active involvement in prayer meetings, theological reflection and spiritual development activities) and maintain the Christian ethos of the organisation.
- Fully commit to completing a youth work qualification at an authorised learning centre to degree level
- To attend regular team and staff meetings.
- To attend additional training as required
- To carry out any other reasonable duties as requested by the CEO or Youth Development Worker

Key Result Areas

1. To build positive and supportive relationships with young people & colleagues
2. To work enthusiastically at all tasks and projects with a 'can do' attitude, supporting both young people and the Bar 'n' Bus team
3. To proactively engage in team and staff meetings, assisting in the development of services for young people
4. Participate in the spiritual life of the Bar'n'Bus Trust (through active involvement in prayer meetings, theological reflection and spiritual development activities) and maintain the organisation's Christian ethos
5. To follow all policies and procedures of Bar'n'Bus' – e.g. Health and Safety, Safeguarding
6. To fully commit to and engage with youth work degree studies as required.

Discretion to Act

The worker will have the authority to act within the parameters set by line management.

Environment

The Bar 'n' Bus Trust is a registered company Limited by Guarantee (2961054) and a registered charity (1055210).

Youth Work Degree

You will enrol in a 3 year, full time youth work degree course of your choice (recommendations can be given) and commit to the requirements of study. Bar 'n' Bus will provide your accommodation and travel costs for study (along with some materials support) and will assist in your applications for student finance to cover costs.

Bar 'n' Bus will act as your placement for your degree course, where you will undertake youth work practice hours required for your course. These hours are undertaken as a volunteer for which you will receive no pay or benefits.

Miscellaneous:

You line-manager will be responsible for carrying out regular supervision sessions and work reviews with the post holder.

Accommodation for Youth Work Students is provided. The Bar 'n' Bus student house is shared by degree and gap year students who will lived together whilst also supporting Bar 'n' Bus youth work programmes.

Person Specification

Experience & Skills

Essential

- Enthusiasm and desire to work with young people
- Willing and able to complete a degree level of study in the field of youth work, including holding minimum entry requirements (e.g. 2 A-Levels or equivalent)
- Be physically fit and able to engage in highly physical youth work activity
- Good verbal communication skills
- Ability to creatively lead sessions and activities
- Prepared to be faced with listening to difficult life situations and respond appropriately
- Commitment to Equal Opportunities

Desirable

- Someone with an interest in sports or arts and has a desire to use this to engage young people
- Someone who is already leading youth work activities as a volunteer or young leader
- Knowledge of Health and Safety
- Knowledge of Safeguarding children and young people policy and procedures

Attributes

- A confident and articulate individual able to communicate effectively with others
- A person who identifies as a Christian, with a desire to grow in their spiritual life and service and who is able to contribute actively to the aims, ethos and values of Bar 'n' Bus.
- A person who is enthusiastic about study and further their learning
- A person who acts with integrity and empathises with others.
- A person with strong independent living skills and the ability to support others in living independently
- A person who is flexible over hours of work
- A person who is able to work effectively as part of a team and under their own initiative.
- A person who is creative and can respond to issues as they arise.
- A person who is able to cope with listening to difficult life situations and offer support
- A person with a genuine love of young people and desire to see lives transformed