



## **Outdoor Play Workers – Leaders and Assistants**

**Hours:** P/T, variable hours (min. 3/week, max. 21/week)

**Salary:** £23,935 – £25,694 FTE, dependent on experience

**Contract:** Variable hours, 3 months

**Location:** Southside of Glasgow, including Malls Mire Community Woodland (Toryglen), Priesthill and Castlemilk

Urban Roots are looking for experienced Outdoor Play Workers to deliver children's clubs and family play sessions in a number of locations across the southside of Glasgow starting from 1 July 2021.

Play sessions will include children's clubs and family play sessions during the school holiday and afterschool clubs during term time. The children's club sessions will combine informal outdoor learning and free play, helping children to build skills, confidence and increase their time spent outdoors. Family play sessions will consist of facilitated drop-in sessions where families can access outdoor play and activities together. Example activities include den building, natural crafts and wildlife spotting. Some sessions will involve campfire cooking.

As hours will vary between term time and school holidays we are offering variable hours contracts, with a minimum of 3 hours per week (e.g. one afterschool session) but actual hours could be up to 21 hours per week, depending on how many sessions/locations you are able to cover. Travel time to certain locations can be included in your hours.

### **Principal Responsibilities:**

1. Delivery of Urban Roots children's clubs and family play sessions including:
  - Planning and delivery of school holiday clubs, family play days and weekly afterschool club activities for children to play outdoors, explore and learn about their local environment.
  - Set up and tidy up for each session – including site checks, washing up, tidying away.
  - Recording of session outcomes and preparation of case studies for reporting purposes
2. Ensure that all activities adhere to Urban Roots' policies and procedures; with particular emphasis on health and safety procedures for outdoor work and food work.
3. Offer localised, 'hands on' and day to day input into delivery as necessary.
4. To check and maintain any resources as allocated.
5. Any other reasonable duties to perform the job role.

## Person Specification

	Essential	Desirable
<b>Education and Training</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good general education (Advanced Highers/A-Level equivalent)</li> <li>• Play worker qualification (qualified to SVQ level 3 in working with Children and Young People or equivalent)</li> <li>• Forest Schools Assistant or Leader</li> <li>• First Aid training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓</li> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓</li> <li>✓</li> </ul>
<b>Experience</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience of delivering outdoor play work</li> <li>• Experience of organising, leading and evaluating outdoor activities for children</li> <li>• Experience of working with disadvantaged and vulnerable children</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓</li> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓</li> </ul>
<b>Knowledge and Understanding</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of child protection procedures</li> <li>• Working knowledge of health and safety practices</li> <li>• Knowledge of outdoor learning activities and techniques</li> <li>• Knowledge of food hygiene</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓</li> <li>✓</li> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓</li> </ul>
<b>Skills and Abilities</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excellent communication skills</li> <li>• Good planning and organisational skills</li> <li>• Ability to work on own initiative</li> <li>• Ability to record and report session outcomes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓</li> <li>✓</li> <li>✓</li> <li>✓</li> </ul>	
<b>Personal Qualities</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commitment to the aims and objectives of Urban Roots</li> <li>• Friendly and personable with a professional approach to work</li> <li>• Commitment to equal opportunities and healthy and safe working practices</li> <li>• An interest in environmental issues</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓</li> <li>✓</li> <li>✓</li> <li>✓</li> </ul>	

If you are interested please email your CV to [projects@urbanroots.org.uk](mailto:projects@urbanroots.org.uk).