The Boy’s Brigade and the Offa Mission Area (Diocese of St Asaph, Church in Wales)

**Communities Children’s Worker**

**Job Description**

35 hours per week, will involve some evening and weekend work.

Salary £20,755 on a fixed term 12 month contract. Home based.

Purpose of the role:

The Worker will work with the Boys’ Brigade in running the Rural Challenge groups that have been started in St Mary’s School, Ruabon, Brymbo and Shotton.

The Worker will work with the churches in the Offa Mission Area to promote work with children and young people.

The Worker will work with the clergy and lay members of the Offa Mission Area to establish groups where there is a low provision of activity for children.

Responsible to: The Director for England and Wales, The Boys’ Brigade (England and Wales Office) and the Mission Area Leader.

Summary of Responsibilities:

1. To engage in outreach programmes/activities in schools primarily within the Offa Mission Area which may include planning and delivering Boys’ Brigade and Girls’ Association groups, after school clubs, holiday clubs and assemblies.
2. To promote best practice by ensuring that all relevant policies and procedures are adhered to when planning and delivering activities including child protection and health and safety, and to work within Church in Wales and Boys’ Brigade/Girls’ Association guidelines.
3. To support the Mission Area Conference in the promotion and guidance of new and existing work with children and young people in the Offa Mission Area.
4. To assist new groups and initiatives to recruit new members and volunteer leaders in order to develop a sustainable leadership team for the future.
5. To be a Christian presence in the community for children and young people of all faiths and none.

The post holder will be required to undertake a DBS check and Boys’ Brigade/Girls’ Association leader training. It is envisaged that the role will commence in February 2017 and run until Februry 2018

**Person Specification**

Essential Skills and Knowledge

1. Children’s work

Must have at least a year’s experience of working with children in an informal setting.

Must demonstrate a knowledge and commitment to children’s participation processes.

Can demonstrate a commitment to the values underpinning children’s work.

2. Communication Skills

Must have a proven ability to communicate effectively with groups and individuals from a range of backgrounds.

Should have some experience of working with and supporting volunteers.

Can demonstrate excellent presentation skills to both groups and individuals in formal and informal settings.

Must have good verbal and written communication skills.

The ability to liaise with parents and carers will be a key aspect of this role.

3. Promoting equality of opportunity

Should be able to demonstrate a clear understanding of the main areas of disadvantage affecting children in the UK.

Should be able to demonstrate strategies to maximise access to all groups of children.

4. Transport

The successful applicant must be qualified and willing to drive a minibus. A successful applicant without the qualification to drive a minibus will be expected to undertake the necessary training and test within the first two months of employment. The applicant must have a clean driving licence.