

NNLS Youth and Education Worker Job Description



Reporting to: Director of Education

Liaising with: Assistant Director or Education, Education Administrator, Noam movement workers, parents and teens

Hours: 17-20 hours per week (non-standard office hours) to include most Shabbatot and Sundays during term time, Tuesday and Wednesday early evenings and Jewish festivals and some additional evenings. Will consider an increase in hours for suitable candidate

Salary: £25,000-£28,000 per annum, pro rata

About New North London Synagogue:

New North London Synagogue (NNLS) is a thriving Masorti community in North London with a membership in excess of 3,500 and over 1000 people under the age of 18. It is the largest Masorti synagogue in the UK, and one of the leading congregations of any denomination in the country. Based at its purpose-built premises in Finchley, NNLS sits at the cutting edge of contemporary Jewish life, constantly striving to develop and enhance Judaism for its members, and sharing its values and ideas with wider society.

Job purpose:

NNLS seeks an outstanding Youth and Education Worker to help support our existing education setting and expand our teen provision. We recognise that building strong and lasting links with our teens is the key to their ongoing commitment to our community. Our new Youth and Education Worker will work on teen outreach within the community and work together with the young people to enhance our existing provision. They will work closely with our Noam movement workers to complement and extend our current programming. Strong inter-personal and communication skills and a willingness to work in full alignment with the values of Masorti Judaism are essential.

Job Specification:

Key Responsibilities:

1. Teach at our existing Bnei Mitzvah education sessions on Tuesday and Wednesdays at Haderech
2. Teach at our Sunday morning education provision, Kehilatainu for Primary aged children
3. Take the lead on our residential activities (shabbatonim and retreats) throughout the year
4. Develop weekly provision and/or new opportunities for our post Bnei Mitzvah teens outside of the current educational structures. e.g. support existing and emerging social, charitable, inter-faith and cross communal activities
5. Create and enhance Shabbat, festivals and other shul events to encourage teen attendance and involvement. e.g. involvement in the Youth Service, special activities for Jewish festivals

6. Develop and build strong personal relationships with our teens so that they feel welcomed and valued as part of our community and are engaged in a range of religious, cultural, informal and formal activities.
7. Encourage student led activities so that our young people become active members of the community e.g. relaunch our youth council and ensure that teen voices are heard within the community
8. Outreach to less involved teens including engaging those not attracted by formal education or services
9. Work closely with the Noam movement workers to build young people's commitment to Noam, to support more of our young people to attend Noam camps and events
10. Act as a pastoral professional to young people

Personal Specification:

Essential:

- Experience in professional youth work (ideally post university)
- Excellent communicator with all age groups
- Able to create, teach/lead educational programmes confidently
- An ability to listen, motivate and support young people's development
- Able to plan and execute events efficiently
- Calm, confident, supportive, and friendly manner
- Knowledge of the aims and values of Masorti Judaism and the ability to represent them
- Able to work on evenings and weekends and willingness to act as the responsible adult supervising overnight stays in the synagogue or other venues
- A high level of motivation and enthusiasm for Jewish youth work and education
- IT skills especially social networking

Desirable

- Formal qualification in youth work
- Experience/knowledge of synagogue communities and good knowledge of Jewish lifecycle events and values
- Experience in creating budgets for single events
- Able to lead Tefilla (prayer)
- Knowledge of Hebrew

Applications to be submitted by full CV and cover letter to Niki Jackson by **Wednesday 17 May 2023**

Interviews will take place during the week commencing **Monday 12 June 2023**

For an informal discussion about this role please call Niki Jackson on 020 3182 0114, 07771 521413

Successful candidates will be subject to an enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Services) check.