

Part-time Christian Schools' Worker

Our vision is to see pupils and staff flourish in school and have the opportunity to explore Christianity through the provision of pastoral care and curriculum support for RE, PSHE and RSE in partnership with local churches.

Role: To join the Reach team in developing the work of sharing the Gospel in secondary schools, plus some Year 6 work, in the Greater Reading area.

Hours:

- Term-time only (40 weeks of the year)
- 15 hours per week mainly during school hours
- Hours are flexible and must be agreed with the Ministry Director

Fixed-term contract for one year with a view to offering a permanent position if funding allows.

Salary: £9,000 per annum (£31,200 FTE)

We also offer: Scripture Union training and conferences, a pension

Accountability:

- To the Ministry Director of Reach (Reading Schools' Christian Work Trust).

Workplace:

Reach's office is in the Tyndale Baptist Church building, Whitley, Reading.

Additional Opportunity:

There is the possibility of extending the job by working 12 hours or more for Tyndale Baptist Church as a youth worker.

Job Description

To serve in local schools in the ways listed below, and to develop Reach's work with schools and churches.

- Supporting current Christian Unions, and helping to establish new ones, nurturing Christian pupils and providing a safe space they can bring their friends to discuss faith.
- Teaching the Christianity element of the RE curriculum and providing classroom support in RE, PSHE and RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) lessons, and providing pastoral support for students and staff, as appropriate
- Working with people from churches and Christian organisations across the Greater Reading area to develop teams to support their local schools.

Professional Responsibilities:

- The person appointed will be expected to adhere to Reach's Statement of Faith (based on the Evangelical Alliance Statement of Faith) and to the requirements of the staff handbook
- The person appointed will need to have a full clean driving licence and a car
- References and an enhanced DBS check will need to be obtained, and full safeguarding training will be given

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Person Specification

Qualifications

Educated to A-level or equivalent	Essential
Educated to Degree level or equivalent	Non-essential
PGCE, Youthwork qualifications	Desirable

Experience

Working with young people delivering Christian content and activities	Essential
Serving, working or volunteering in a church setting	Essential
Working in secondary schools	Desirable

Skills & Knowledge

Working with groups of young people	Essential
Understanding of the Bible and Christian practice	Essential
Abilities with IT, including Microsoft Office suite	Essential
Secondary school lesson planning	Desirable
Youth session planning	Desirable
Youth mentoring	Desirable

Faith

This post has a Genuine Occupational Requirement that the successful applicant be a practising Christian in line with The Equality Act 2010, Schedule 9.

Practising Christian able to sign Reach's Statement of Faith	Essential
Active member of your local church	Essential
Awareness of different Christian denominations and able to work alongside all believers	Essential
A desire/passion to see young people hear the good news of the Christian message	Essential
Sensitivity to issues regarding the Christian faith and secular or inter-faith environments	Essential

Closing date for applications: we would like to appoint someone to start on 1st September. There will be interviews in August, so please send applications as soon as possible to info@reachschools.org.uk.

Please notify us on your application whether you are applying for the Reach role or the combined role with Tyndale.

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