

**Job Title:** Playworker

**Job Ref:** 1037

**Location:** Portsmouth

**Salary:** £7.70 - £8.21 an hour

**Hours:** 0 hour (casual contract)

### **Organisational Context**

YMCA Fairthorne Group is a community-based charity with a serious ambition to grow our already successful social enterprise model. Our purpose allows people the opportunity to lead happy, healthy lives. We achieve this through bringing **people** of all backgrounds and abilities together in YMCA **places** and delivering effective **programmes**.

We operate throughout Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton from 30 venues. Our programmes include 13 early years settings, Daycamps, community activities and housing for young people.

### **Portsmouth Playwork**

Our Children's Work comprises three Daycamps for children aged 4-16 during school holidays and inset days, and an after school club for children at the Portsmouth Grammar School aged 4-11 years old. Our Children's Work is run with a focus on children's freely chosen play, allowing them to explore their own experiences within a safe and secure environment supervised by enthusiastic and inspiring Playworkers.

### **Job Purpose**

For our Children's Work to continue to deliver fantastic experiences across Portsmouth, our Playworkers deliver exciting activities and challenges to the children who access our services. Playworkers are responsible for running activities, helping to set up and clear up the sessions, and assisting the Play Leaders in caring for the group.

YMCA Fairthorne Group operates four Daycamps and two after school clubs. As part of a wider team, the YMCA Portsmouth Playworkers may be able to share learning and experiences across similar areas of work.

## **Duties and Responsibilities**

- At all times work within the YMCA Way
- Assist in the implementation of the out of school care programme under the guidance of the leader in charge, including setting up, delivering the programme, supervising children, and cleaning up.
- To act as a positive role model for children and to be a good representative for the YMCA when interacting with other staff members, parents, teachers and other YMCA visitors.
- To be willing to support other areas of the YMCA Children's Work by working at other locations when required.
- To work in the YMCA Way in partnership with the YMCA Way Champion.
- Attend training as considered appropriate by the management.
- To inform the management if staffing levels are not met because of an emergency.
- To maintain an up to date knowledge of current childcare issues, legislation and practices.
- Anything else reasonably requested by the management of the organisation

## **Person Specification & Key Competencies**

### **Qualifications/Experience**

- Ideally have, or working towards, a playwork or childcare related qualification.
- First Aid qualification or the willingness to work towards one.
- Some experience of working with children is desirable.

### **Skills / Abilities**

- Desire to work with children essential.
- Ability to work with and understand the needs of children.
- Ability to work as part of a team.
- Ability to work the YMCA Way.
- Willing to take part in all activity sessions.
- Willingness to work in a fast moving and changeable environment.