

Job Opportunity

'RUNA Support' Project Worker

(fixed-term until 21st October 2021)

We're looking for a compassionate and highly motivated individual to join our Children and Families Team of staff at Urban Outreach (UOB). RUNA stands for 'Remember U R Not Alone'. Our RUNA workers provide contact and support for every child who is reported missing to the police in Bolton. They meet with children and young people once they have returned home - working closely with police officers, the young person's family and other agencies as appropriate. They also provide information, advice and guidance work in schools and other settings. They discuss the dangers and address the problems which cause young people to run away in order to minimise future risks and incidents.

The primary focus of our RUNA 'Support' Workers is to support young people at risk of repeatedly running away from home. The job also involves working alongside our RUNA 'Response' Workers whose primary focus is to work jointly with the police in providing a first line of response to young people reported missing and to conduct independent 'return interviews'.

Appointment is subject to a satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check. The position is full time (35hrs pw), and the salary is £19,000 pa. The position is funded by the Big Lottery for a fixed term until 21st October 2021.

UOB is a Christian charity founded in 1990 to help address and arrest poverty in all its forms across Bolton. With the active support of many partners across the town, we have grown and diversified our services over the years and now have 26 staff and over 300 volunteers helping us in our work.

Our activities include foodbank and family support services, a winter café and support for the homeless, ex-offenders and other vulnerable adults, and support for runaway children and those at risk.

Our vision is to see all the people of Bolton have the opportunity to flourish, realise their full potential and live lives which are free from poverty, abuse, neglect, crime, controlling substances and any sense of failure.

Our mission is to meet the needs of children, young people, families and individual adults through professional practice and the delivery of high quality services by specialist support staff and volunteers, as a practical expression of the Christian faith. The support we provide is based on the needs of the whole person: physical, emotional, intellectual, social and spiritual.

To find out more about Urban Outreach and to download a Job Description, Application and Fairness Monitoring Form please go to: <http://www.urbanoutreach.co.uk/vacancies> Alternatively we can post the Job Description and forms out to you. Tel: **01204 385848** or email admin@urbanoutreach.co.uk If you are applying for more than one job, you can complete just one application form. However, you will need to provide a separate response to the question on 'relevant skills, knowledge and experience' for each position you are applying for.

We would welcome the opportunity to have an informal chat with anyone wishing to explore whether this position suits their skills and interests before completing an application form. If you wish to do this, please contact us as above.

The closing date and time for receipt of completed job applications is: 12.00noon on 26th October 2018.

We are planning to conduct interviews on 31st October and 1st November. Preferably, the job start date will be 26th November 2018.