## PERSON SPECIFICATION



## Children, Youth and Families worker – Team Parish of Louth

| Attributes                   | Essential                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Desirable                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Method of<br>Assessment                        |
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| Education<br>and<br>Training | A good standard of written English<br>(GCSE English Language or<br>equivalent).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <ol> <li>A nationally recognised qualification in children/youth work at degree or equivalent level.</li> <li>Safeguarding training.</li> </ol>                                                                         | Application documentation.                     |
| Experience                   | <ol> <li>Active member of a Christian church with a personal living faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.</li> <li>* Given the nature and context of the work, it is an occupational requirement that the post holder should be a communicant member of the Church of England or a full member of a church within Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, in order to fulfil the main purpose of the post. This post is therefore exempt under Schedule 9 of the Equality Act 2010.</li> <li>First-hand experience of leading or co-ordinating activities for children/youth.</li> <li>Experience of working within a team.</li> <li>Experience of leading and nurturing teams of volunteers.</li> </ol> | <ol> <li>Experience of working as part of a staff team.</li> <li>Experience of working in a local church context.</li> <li>Experience and understanding of Fresh Expressions of Church and pioneer ministry.</li> </ol> | Application<br>documentation<br>and interview. |
| Knowledge<br>and skills      | <ol> <li>A clear understanding of children/youth and principles of children/youth work, including discipleship.</li> <li>Working knowledge and commitment to safeguarding and promoting the safety and welfare of children/youth.</li> <li>Skills in working directly with children/young people.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Application documentation, interview.          |

|           | <ol> <li>Literate in IT, including use of social media and word processing.</li> <li>Good people and communication skills, appropriate for connecting with children/families/youth, interacting with the church family and reaching the community.</li> <li>The confidence to take the initiative to ask for help and advice when needed.</li> <li>Specific gift(s) or interest(s) that could be a focus for attracting children/youth/families.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                 |                                                |
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| Qualities | <ol> <li>Able to speak with sincerity about matters of Christian faith in an informed, effective and non-judgmental way.</li> <li>To show genuine desire and enthusiasm for leading children and young people into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.</li> <li>Able to relate effectively with a wide spectrum of people (i.e. adults, young people and children).</li> <li>Able to communicate effectively in person and in writing.</li> <li>Able to motivate self and others and to manage use of time.</li> <li>Able to manage administration effectively and recognise the importance of doing so.</li> <li>Able to initiate and develop quality projects and adapt to changing priorities and circumstances.</li> <li>Able to present a strong Christian role model.</li> </ol> | <ol> <li>Able to set and work to goals without direct supervision.</li> <li>Able to work in a range of social and cultural contexts.</li> </ol> | Application<br>documentation,<br>interview.    |
| Other     | <ol> <li>Satisfactory Enhanced DBS disclosure.</li> <li>Commitment to engage in professional and spiritual development.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <ol> <li>Have access to appropriate transport for travel within the area.</li> <li>Willingness to receive spiritual direction.</li> </ol>       | Application<br>documentation<br>and interview. |