

CAUDWELL YOUTH

Recruitment Pack

WELCOME

Thank you for your interest and for considering applying for a role at Caudwell Youth.

Caudwell Youth provides support that changes the lives of at-risk young people aged 11-24 years through mentoring by trained volunteers for up to 2 years.

Founded in 2022, in partnership with John Caudwell, we are determined the needs of at-risk young people are properly addressed.

As an organisation supporting young people with care experience, with mental health and those at risk of criminal exploitation and offending, we are keen to receive applications from those with lived experience and we will guarantee an interview.

We actively seek to bring diverse perspectives and experience, and especially welcome applications from disabled people and those from Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic backgrounds and LGBTQ+.



OUR VALUES



Empowering

Feedback empathetically, always acting with understanding, support and value.

Optimistic and realistic



Look to the future yet prioritise the present.



Intentionally inclusive

Foster an open culture.

Delivering with integrity



Always uphold honesty, act with our morals and ensure we are dependable.



JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Area Manager, Bucks / Berks
Responsible To: Operations Manager
Responsible For: Youth Support Coordinators
Location: Working from home, however would need to reside in the Buckinghamshire or Berkshire area
Working Hours: 37.5hrs per week
Salary: £32,000 per annum

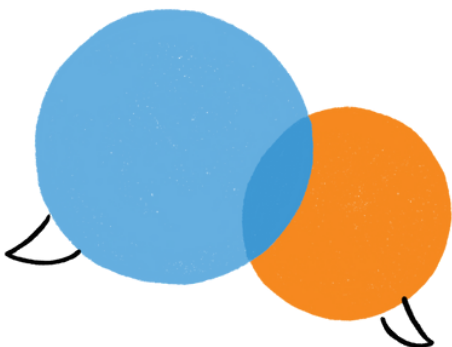


Purpose of role

To ensure the Charity's development and growth in ways that are relevant and in line with operational services and charitable objectives.

To ensure the Charity achieves its aims and objectives and fulfils its operational plan effectively by providing high quality support services, providing person centred long-term mentoring for young people.

To have key responsibility for your geographical area, be the key point of contact for referrals and networking to ensure quality service and positive working relationships with key stakeholders.



WHAT WILL YOU DO

Key Responsibilities

- Manage your geographical area and day to day smooth running of Caudwell Youth's operational delivery.
- Responsible for a team of Youth Support Coordinators to deliver charity objectives.
- Confidently engage with key stakeholders to present our service offer.
- Manage, build and understand effective referral pathways according to the partners in your area.
- Support your team in managing their caseloads effectively in a solution focussed approach.
- Support Operations Manager to ensure the voice of our young people is integral to our delivery service, through the Caudwell Youth Collective.
- Support Youth Support Coordinators with their risk assessments for young people to ensure that we are needs led.
- Develop a multi-agency person-centred approach for the young people you are working with, to ensure your young people have the right support at the right time.
- Report any safeguarding concerns to the DSL, with support from the Operations Manager.
- Ensure your team and volunteers have uploaded accurate and effective data onto our CRM.
- Identify training and development opportunities and needs for your geographical team.
- With support from the Operations Manager, work with the Supporter Engagement team to produce reports and analysis of young people's outcomes.
- With support from the Operations Manager, provide effective feedback and observations relating to continued service development.
- Ensure that the performance management framework guidelines are followed, managed and issues raised relating to staff performance.
- With support from the Operations Manager, ensure the integrity and effectiveness of volunteer-based support for young people.

WHAT WILL YOU DO

Key Responsibilities, continued

- Support your Youth Support Coordinators to effectively manage their caseload of volunteer mentors.
- Work with your team to identify and creatively engage volunteer mentors.
- Attend key network events relating to at-risk young people in your area.
- Ensure the Supporter Engagement team receive the appropriate information relating to stakeholder reports.
- Work with the Partnerships Manager and your team to identify opportunities for young people.
- With support from the Operations Manager, monitor need in line with targets.
- You may have a small caseload of young people that you will support in line with the service offer.
- Signpost to other relevant services when required.
- Ensure you achieve agreed development objectives.
- Endeavour to promote Caudwell Youth's values in all that you do.
- Be an ambassador for Caudwell Youth.

Coordination and Development

- Ensure delivery and development of services and community-based activities and development opportunities in line with regulatory requirements and our own policies, including safeguarding, social media and health & safety and data protection.
- Support the young people in your area to explore opportunities and access group activities to increase their sense of community involvement.
- Oversee appropriate planning, risk assessment and evaluation for all young people and volunteer activities in your area.
- Support the team to develop bespoke activities for the needs of the young people in the whole delivery service.
- Ensure that your team members training, appraisal and personal objectives are in line with the Charity's performance management guidelines.
- Identify any opportunities for change within the Charity.

WHAT WILL YOU DO

Administration

- Work within budgets set by Operations Manager and Operations Director, properly justifying / accounting for expenditure.
- Ensure good administration, record keeping and reporting of all work undertaken in line with data protection and other regulations.
- Undertake proactive risk assessment of young people and volunteer activities in line with our policies and good practice in your area.
- Ensure team and volunteer mentor expenses are authorised and submitted in a timely manner.

Partnership and Liaison

- Work closely with the team and the stakeholder steering groups to promote good communication and shared focus.
- Ensure effective, relevant, and appropriate communication at all times.
- Represent the Charity to other organisations, funders, and supporters.
- Establish and develop good relationships with other charities and agencies to increase partnership and effective joint working where appropriate.

Team Ethos

- Act as a leader to your area team where relevant, whilst fulfilling your own responsibilities and tasks.
- Manage a team of Youth Support Coordinators and create a good working culture within the team.
- Express and promote equal opportunities and encourage inclusion and involvement.
- Ensure good communications and relationships within the team at all times.
- Run effective area team meetings and stakeholder meetings.
- Actively take part and contribute in the safeguarding forum, share good practice and embed quality safeguarding procedures within the organisation.

General

- Act in a professional way at all times.
- Undertake and identify training as required and take a positive approach to personal development.
- Fulfil the duties and responsibilities of an employee as regards to Health and Safety at Work, including own safety and self-management.
- Undertake any other reasonable tasks deemed necessary.

OUR TEAM



We don't have a CEO by design, but instead have 4 co-leads. Each Director takes leadership for specific operational areas and takes joint key decisions. All attend board meetings.

The Senior Leadership Team report into the Board of Trustees. This is currently 10 trustees.

We are a growing charity with 22 employees, initially working across Hertfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Luton and Milton Keynes. Our aim is to grow into a national charity with an annual growth plan.

WHY WORK FOR US?

We are an experienced team that are dedicated to improving the lives of the young people we support.

Benefits:

- Flexible Working
- Hybrid – working from home and in the community
- WPA Healthcare (including Employee Assistance Programme and extended counselling sessions)
- Group Personal Pension with a 5% employer contribution and Salary Sacrifice Scheme
- 25 days annual leave (FTE) plus bank holidays, plus charity closure between Christmas and New Year
- Extra paid day off on your birthday
- Paid day off for volunteering in your community
- Training opportunities to support your personal development
- Employee discounts on everyday goods and services
- Being part of a passionate and dedicated team

Caudwell Youth is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all employees and volunteers to share this commitment. As part of this commitment, we undertake disclosure checks in accordance with the Codes of Practice for all. Having a criminal record will not automatically exclude applicants.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

No candidate will meet every single desired qualification. If your experience looks a little different from what we've identified and you think you can bring value to the role, we'd love to learn more about you.



Essential Criteria

Skills and knowledge

- Excellent knowledge and understanding of young people services in the UK
- Excellent programme management and planning skills
- Strong people skills: demonstrates empathy, leads by example, and contributes to building a desirable team culture
- Committed to equality and diversity
- A positive attitude with a proactive and flexible approach to work
- A good understanding of safeguarding and confidentiality
- Must hold a full driving licence, with access to a vehicle and have business insurance cover on your policy

Experience:

- Experience of managing a team within the charity sector using management framework
- Experience of working with statutory services to support at risk young people
- Experience of working to agreed delivery targets, monitoring outcomes, programme evaluation and report writing
- Experience of managing and completing priorities to deadlines
- Excellent presentation skills to external stakeholders

Desirable Criteria

- Experience of liaising and relationship building with local networks
- Awareness of other local charities
- Understanding of young people at-risk
- Use of software such as Office 365 and Better Impact

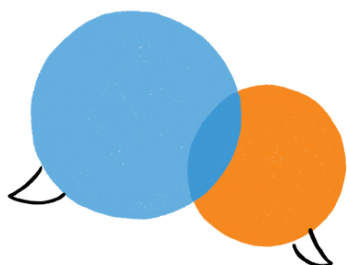


HOW TO APPLY

Our recruitment process is deliberately robust

We want to make sure you have all the information you need to be confident in your application for the post.

Stage	Information	Date / Deadline
Find out more	Contact Tracie Mills, HR Manager, with any questions you may have or to learn more about the role on 01908 973676 or by email: info@caudwellyouth.org	By Thursday 23rd November 2023
Apply	Complete the application form (available on our website), ensuring you answer the 3 competency-based questions at the end of the form.	By Friday 24th November 2023
Shortlisting	<p>To support Caudwell Youth's EDI policy by promoting diversity and avoiding any unconscious bias, our recruitment process includes 'blind selection'.</p> <p>Only the answers to the competency-based questions are passed on to the interview panel for selecting applicants. When applicants have been blind selected for the interview stage, their full applications are released.</p> <p>All applicants will be notified as to whether they are successful or not.</p>	Monday 27th November 2023
Interviews	Interviews will take place virtually via Microsoft Teams. The interview will consist of interview style questions.	Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th November 2023



HOW WE WORK

Each Youth Support Coordinator is dedicated to supporting up to 25 young people and 30 volunteers.

Young people may have more than one volunteer mentor.

They work collaboratively to guide and encourage young people from referral along a journey of empowerment of up to two years.

Mentors and young people typically meet weekly, but talk / message more regularly, especially when they are anxious or need additional support.

Employees and mentors organise and connect young people to a range of activities and resources. We have built strong partnerships, offering opportunities to the young people we support, allowing them to learn to cope and manage with everyday life, build their confidence, and develop the skills to re-engage with education, obtain work experience, employment and greater independence, thereby moving them away from risks associated with negative relationships or behaviour.

Support is person-centred using a range of tools dependent on their needs.

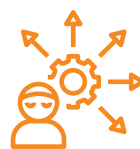
These include:

- 1:1 mentoring;
- Helping with education, especially access to functional skills learning;
- Helping with applications for jobs, training, benefits, IDs, residency;
- Signposting to other services such as food banks;
- Opportunities that build resilience and result in positive use of time;
- Activities that build positive social connections.



IMPACTS

- Increased confidence and sense of self-worth;
- Improved well-being, relationships, social skills and communication;
- Improved life skills such as financial management, cooking and hygiene;
- Increased meaningful use of time;
- Increased resilience.



OUTCOMES

- Reduced offending behaviour;
- Lowered risk of exploitation;
- Reduced alcohol and drug use;
- Improved mental health;
- Significant movement from Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET) to in Employment, Education or Training (EET).

OUR STRENGTHS

We have a breadth of knowledge and experience working with young people, in particular, the needs outlined below although we work with a wide range of needs.

All our young people are experiencing at least one of these needs, however most experience multiple needs which compounds the level of risk they face.

At Risk of / Involved in Offending Behaviour

Some of our young people will have had involvement with the criminal justice system and be looking to move away from the revolving door of crime.

We offer non-judgemental support and opportunities to engage in positive activities away from potentially detrimental or negative influences.

Care Experienced

Care experienced young people are at the most risk due to their experiences such as 41% of care leavers aged 19- 21 years are not in education, employment, or training (NEET), compared to 12% of all 19- to 21-year-olds.

We work with care experienced young people to build confidence and resilience, widen opportunities and support with life beyond care.

At Risk of / Experiencing Exploitation

At risk young people are at particular risk of criminal, sexual, emotional and financial exploitation. The most common presenting need we support relates to county lines.

By showing positive alternatives such as routes into work and education, positive social networks and building resilience and confidence, we empower our young people with the tools to thrive as they move into adulthood.

Mental Health

There has been a significant rise in mental health challenges for young people in recent years. Almost two in three children and young people with a diagnosable mental health condition do NOT get access to NHS care and treatment.

We are there to provide community support for those needing our services where NHS care and treatment is inaccessible due to long waiting times or not meeting required thresholds.

Volunteer Mentoring

Many of our young people are overwhelmed by the number of professionals involved in their life. Volunteer mentors are a voice of reason there by choice not professional caseload. Volunteer mentors work with Caudwell Youth as a means of using their diverse skills and experience to have a positive impact on their local community.