

NATIONAL SCHOOL & COLLEGE PASTORS COORDINATOR AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER JOB SPECIFICATION

Ascension Trust (AT) is a Registered Charity founded by Reverend Les Isaac OBE in 1993 with a mission to empower the church to respond effectually to the call of being "salt and light" in their community, city and nation. As a Christian inter-denominational organisation with an emphasis on faith working through love, Ascension Trust seeks to improve the quality of life of the disadvantaged and vulnerable irrespective of background or belief.

Ascension Trust operates as the umbrella body for Street Pastors, School and College Pastors, Prayer Pastors, Urban Mission, the 60/40 Youth Project and several other projects locally and abroad.

Purpose of the role:

We're looking for a determined individual to help drive and develop vision to progress the youth work developing under the 60/40 Project and schools/college work under the AT Umbrella.

There are two primary focuses in this role:-

1. Coordinating and supporting the National Schools and College Pastors initiatives and developing strategies to fund, grow and strengthen the work of our teams. Helping to promote and grow the network. Also looking at collaborations to provide holistic care to school/college communities.
2. Leading on our 60/40 Youth Project. The nature of this work will focus approximately 60% of their time on planning and delivering programmes to engage the youth in Lambeth not connected to church groups. The postholder will pay primary focus on the local area around King's Acre and schools in the Lambeth community. Approximately 40% of the time will be spent working with the Lambeth Methodist Circuit and local church communities, through existing Youth Work programmes and the Sunday Schools in individual churches. The postholder will also engage with London City Mission workers and work alongside the Young Life worker as part of their role.

The 60/40 Youth Project is a collaborative initiative that is made up of Ascension Trust, the Lambeth Methodist Circuit, London City Mission and Young Life International.

This is a dual role that will be split working 2.5 days per week on each focus. The role allows for flexibility in this split as the nature of school terms and seasons changes over the course of the year.

Key Duties and Responsibilities:

National Schools and College Coordinator:

1. Support and encourage existing School/College Pastor Initiatives.
2. Help grow and promote the ministry nationally and internationally.
3. Develop vision, strategy and training for growth in new and existing initiatives.
4. Train Ascension Trust Representatives to deliver Roles and Responsibility training

for School and College Pastors.

5. Build new and strengthen existing relationships to help promote holistic school support in faith and secular spheres of society.
6. Provide support and guidance on framework, structure and funding to develop the initiative at both a local and national level.
7. Stay informed with key school and curriculum changes at a national level to help guide initiatives.

Youth Development Officer:

1. Pray regularly for and with the young people in your care and influence.
2. Identify, recruit, train, inspire and model good practice with emerging leaders.
3. Actively build relationships with young people to encourage a deepening of Christian maturity, including visit of young people and their families.
4. Identify and engage young people who may be unknown to the church community and hidden from society. This will include undertaking detached youth work and work with other organisations such as statutory services.
5. Link with schools and alternative education services in the locality to provide pastoral support for young people in vulnerable situations.
6. Develop consistent and regular youth provision for the local community including term time and school holiday provision.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Essential Qualifications, Skills and Competencies:

1. A recognised youth work qualification or substantial youth work experience.
2. A committed and open Christian faith and willingness to occasionally work within the wider church community.
3. Spiritual and emotional maturity - able to cope with the challenges of active ministry.
4. Strong leadership skills including ability to work on own initiative and as part a team.
5. Ability to develop and deliver training to new recruits/volunteers for the nature of schools/youth work.
6. Effective interpersonal and communication skills including writing, presentation/public speaking and effective listening skills.
7. Organisation and management skills to coordinate others supporting the programmes.
8. Ability to maintain discretion and confidentiality.
9. Comply with an enhanced DBS check with the Child Barred List.
10. Flexibility in working hours which will include evenings and weekends.
11. Competency in working with new technology including the Internet and social media.

Desirable Qualifications, Skills and Competencies:

1. Experience in discipling young people and emerging Christian leaders and modelling good discipleship practice either in a paid or voluntary capacity.
2. Evidence of a range of personal interests relevant to young people.
3. Current driving licence and access to a car.
4. Knowledge of the Lambeth community/area.

SALARY: £24,500 per annum

WORKING HOURS: 35 hours/week. Monday to Friday 9am-5pm: Flexibility available for evening/afterschool hours and weekend sessions.

TRAINING: Access to training through London City Mission, Young Life and Ascension Trust will be made available to the successful applicant.

TO APPLY: Please obtain a job specification and application form by visiting the Ascension Trust website at www.ascensiontrust.org.uk, emailing hr@ascensiontrust.org.uk, by telephone on 020 8330 2809, or by writing to Ascension Trust, Alpha House, Alpha Place, Garth Road, Morden, London, SM4 4TQ.

The closing date for applications will be Friday 5 November 2021 with interviews taking place the week beginning Monday 8 November 2021.

Applicants will need to complete an application form in order to be considered.

WE WILL NOT CONSIDER APPLICATIONS COMING VIA RECRUITMENT AGENCIES

