



SESSIONAL YOUTH WORKER TRAINING KITCHEN & COOKING

Job Title: Sessional Youth Worker
Training Kitchen & Cooking

Reporting to: Deputy Youth Work Manager &
Session Lead

Location: HideOut Youth Zone (Gorton)

Hourly Rate: £12.60 p/h (Real Living Wage)

Holidays: 33 days including bank
holidays (pro-rata)

Hours: Various contracts available.

Key Relationships: Young people, parents & guardians, Senior Manager, Junior Manager, Deputy Youth Work Manager, Employability & Projects Manager, Creative Coordinator, Sport Coordinator, Inclusion Coordinator, Outdoor Education & Adventurous Activity Coordinator, Head of Youth Work and HideOut Youth Zone's staff, volunteers, partners and stakeholders

ABOUT EMPOWER

EMPOWER is the umbrella charity that currently oversees operations of the award-winning youth charity based in Manchester, HideOut Youth Zone, which opened in 2020.

HideOut Youth Zone has supported over 7,000 children and young people since it opened, offering a dynamic youth provision that is open 7 days a week (including school holidays).

HideOut's state-of-the-art building provides young people with somewhere safe to go, something positive to do and someone trusted to talk to, with facilities that include a 3G pitch, climbing wall, gym, sports hall and recreation area, and dance, arts, music and media suites.

Due to the success of HideOut Youth Zone, EMPOWER has been granted the opportunity to open another Youth Zone within Greater Manchester – Salford Youth Zone (known officially as SYZ).

The two Youth Zone's sit within the Onside network; a growing number of Youth Zone's across the UK which are funded, built, supported and launched by the national charity, Onside.

It is EMPOWER's vision is to ensure all young people grow to lead happy, healthy, safe and successful lives.



WHAT IS THE ROLE

Cooking, the food we eat and how it's influenced by family, cultural and community values, is at the heart of the Youth Zone. We provide a free meal for every young person when they attend session, but we think it's more important to teach our young people how to cook a healthy meal for themselves.

You will be involved in teaching the fundamentals of cooking, health & safety alongside hygiene awareness. This could be making cookies & pitta pizza's with the juniors or cooking a three-course meal with the seniors or working with young people to understand the importance and impact of nutrition. We love to embrace all cultures in our cooking sessions and to help members explore all different types of cuisine whilst teaching the importance of budgeting and healthy lifestyles.

WHAT WILL I BE DOING?

- Working directly with young people to plan, lead and deliver safe, fun and structured cooking sessions within HideOut Youth Zone, which are progressive and reflect the needs of young people
- The role is 100% face to face delivery with young people
- Contributing to a training cooking programme that is high quality and meets the needs of the young people, including young people with additional needs and young people who typically don't engage in sports
- Supporting other programmes that contributes to the wider youth work agenda, supporting the development of young people
- Confidently managing and establishing positive relationships with groups of young people
- Compiling and monitoring information required to deliver impact statistics and encouraging feedback from young people taking part in activities to share this with the team.
- Working with young people from a range of backgrounds and with a range of needs
- Effectively communicating at all levels, orally and in writing
- Working alongside other team members and providing guidance and support to young leaders and volunteers
- Attending regular training and development sessions and events where required
- Delivering leadership awards to young people and co-ordinating volunteering opportunities in sports / fitness activities
- Assisting in identifying talented young people and encourage further development
- Maintaining current knowledge of relevant cooking and hygiene policies and practices
- Promoting cultural cohesion and inclusion and proactively challenge any prejudice and discrimination.

WHAT ELSE WILL I NEED TO DO?

- Be a role model for young people and present a positive "can do" attitude
- Take personal responsibility for own actions
- Commit to a culture of continuous improvement
- Work within the performance framework of HideOut Youth Zone and OnSide
- Represent HideOut Youth Zone positively and effectively in all dealings with internal colleagues, and external partners
- Comply with all policies and procedures, with particular reference to safeguarding, codes of conduct, health and safety and equality and diversity to ensure all activities are accessible
- Be alert to issues of safeguarding and child protection, ensuring the welfare and safety of Youth Zone members is promoted and safeguarded, and to report any child protection concerns to the designated Child Protection Officers using the safeguarding policies, procedures and practice (training to be provided)
- Assist with any promotional activities and visits that take place at the Youth Zone
- Actively promote the Youth Zone and positively contribute towards increasing Youth Zone membership.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Selection Criteria A = Application Form I = Interview	Essential or Desirable	Method of Assessment
Experience		
Experience of working with groups of young people aged 8 to 19, or up to aged 25 with additional needs	Essential	A & I
Experience of working with young people from diverse backgrounds and with challenging needs	Essential	A & I
Experience of teaching young people how to cook	Essential	A & I
Experience of team work and working alongside volunteers	Essential	A & I
Experience of working with young people with additional needs	Desirable	A & I
Qualifications		
Level 2 Food Hygiene or above	Essential	A
First Aid qualification	Desirable	A
Skills		
Ability to deliver high quality cooking/healthy eating programmes with young people who face social exclusion, disadvantage and disaffection and manage such a group	Essential	A & I
Able to work as part of a team and under own initiative	Essential	A & I
Able to support the planning and evaluation of programmes of activity, including production of session plans and programmes reports	Essential	A & I
Able to communicate effectively with young people, parents, team members and members of the public	Essential	A & I
Able to deliver within an equal opportunity's framework	Essential	A & I
Ability to engage and build positive relationships with young people, including disengaged and disadvantaged young people	Essential	A & I
Ability to coach, encourage, motivate and provide reliable support to young people	Essential	A & I

Knowledge		
Understand the principles of working with young people, the issues affecting their lives and knowledge of their needs	Essential	A & I
Knowledge of health and safety, diversity awareness and safeguarding best practice	Essential	A & I
Basic knowledge of sports pathways	Desirable	A & I
Special Requirements		
A willingness to work unsociable hours	Essential	A & I
A willingness to cover events, holidays and staff absence	Essential	A & I
Enhanced DBS clearance and commitment to Safeguarding children	Essential	A & I
The ability and willingness to travel to events in the region and beyond	Essential	A & I

*Selection criteria for guidance only, alternative methods may be used to assist the selection process.

ADDITIONAL INFO

EMPOWER is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable groups. This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

The strength of EMPOWER and the OnSide network of Youth Zones is the diversity of its people; we place huge value on equal opportunities and encourage applications from candidates of diverse backgrounds, communities and abilities. The one thing we all have in common is our desire to raise the aspirations of young people across the country.

For information regarding how OnSide Youth Zones process your data, please visit www.onsideyouthzones.org/applicant-privacy/

APPLICATION PROCESS

Application form: <https://empoweryouthzones.org/vacancies/>

How to apply: Please complete the application form and return to **recruitment@empoweryouthzones.org**



Closing date: Midday Wednesday 23rd April

STRICTLY NO AGENCIES PLEASE

We review applications on a rolling basis and reserve the right to close the role at any time.

Feel free to give us a call on **0161 511 3777** if you have any questions about this role, or to hear from a team member about life working at the youth zone.

BENEFITS OF WORKING FOR EMPOWER YOUTH ZONES

 Onsite Fitness Gym & Boxing / MMA Suite	 33 Days Annual Leave Pro-Rata	 Secure Cycle Store
 Branded Workwear	 Queen Bee's Cafe	 Flexible Working
 Learning and Development Opportunities	 Partnership Working	 Working with Like-Minded People and Cultures
 Company Sick Pay and Enhanced Maternity Leave	 Pension Scheme	 Living Wage Employer

Employee Assistance Programme

Salford Youth Zone's Employee Assistance Programme provides free and confidential support for our employees on a wide-range of topics, such as:

- Unlimited telephone support (24/7) with calls answered by experienced in-house counsellors, legal and financial specialists
- Structured counselling over the phone, via live chat, email, or in person (up to 6-sessions)
- Family advice line on topics such as childcare & eldercare
- Legal information services including debt & financial information
- Critical incident and trauma support
- Occupational health services
- Crisis support
- "My Healthy Advantage" smartphone app and online personalised wellbeing portal, including videos, webinars, mini health checks and health coaching
- Coverage for dependents (partner/spouse and children aged 16-24) within HMRC guidelines
- Support for line managers
- BrightTV and Wellbeing podcasts

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OUR VALUES



YOUNG PEOPLE FIRST

Young people are at the heart of everything we do, inspiring and challenging us to deliver services that exceed their needs and challenge them to be the best they can be.

EXCELLENCE

We encourage ourselves and each other to be the best we can be through continuous learning and improvement, and a focus on finding solutions.



RESPECT

We act with honesty and integrity, celebrating diversity across the whole organisation and caring about each other, our young people and the Youth Zone environment.



AMBITION

We are passionate and driven in taking on new challenges, embracing new ideas and exceeding our ambitions for young people, the Youth Zones and our local communities.

COLLABORATION

We create and nurture strong, creative partnerships, working together to achieve better results and outcomes for young people.

