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An OnSide Youth Zone



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OUTDOOR & ADVENTURE SPORTS COORDINATOR

Job Title: Outdoor & Adventure Sports Coordinator

Reporting to: Youth Work Manager

Location: HideOut Youth Zone, Gorton, M12 5PX

Salary: £27,592 - £29,702

Holidays: 33 days inclusive of bank holidays

Hours: 40 hours per week (including evenings and weekends)

Key Relationships: Head of Youth Work, Youth Work Managers, Youth Work Delivery Staff, Volunteers and Partner Agencies

BENEFITS

- Onsite Fitness Gym & Boxing/MMA Suite
- 33 days annual leave
- Secure cycle store
- Branded workwear
- Queen Bee's Café - Free hot meal on session
- Learning and development opportunities
- Partnership working
- Working with like-minded people and cultures
- Part of a wider network
- Workplace pension scheme
- Special Leave
- Birthday Off
- Employee Assistance Programme through Health Assured
- Health and Wellbeing support which includes an app - Wisdom
- Enhanced maternity and paternity
- Company Sick Pay
- Real Living Wage Employer
- Charity Worker Discount / Bright Exchange Discount - through EAP/Wisdom

APPLICATION PROCESS

Date posted: Tuesday 10th February 2026

Closing date: Monday 23rd February 2026

Interview date: Interviews will be held on Monday 2nd March

Application form: www.empoweryouthzones.org/vacancies/

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

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.

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ABOUT EMPOWER

Empower Youth Zones is the charity that oversees the creation, management and sustainability of Youth Zones in Manchester and Salford. These include HideOut Youth Zone located in Gorton (East Manchester) which opened in 2020, and Salford Youth Zone located in Pendleton, which opened to young people in June 2025. HideOut and Salford Youth Zone provide children and young people aged 8-19 and up to 25 for those with additional needs with somewhere safe to go, something positive to do and someone trusted to talk to.

Youth Zones are purpose-built spaces fizzing with energy and crammed with incredible facilities. They are staffed by skilled and dedicated Youth Workers who truly believe in young people – helping them see what they could achieve, and giving them the skills, confidence and ambition to go for it. This is life-changing support that helps tens of thousands of young people from a diverse range of backgrounds to thrive.

HideOut and Salford Youth Zone are part of a national and growing network of Onside Youth Zones. There are currently 15 active Onside Youth Zones across the UK with 20 due to be open by 2025.

WHAT IS THE ROLE?

The Adventure Sports Coordinator will develop and oversee the delivery of the adventure sports offer within the Youth Zone and off site, including Urban Sports and indoor climbing, take a lead on the development of our outdoor education and adventurous programme including lead responsibility for Youth Zones Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

The ideal candidate will have a range of sporting interest / coaching, and or instructor qualifications (Mountain Leaders, Kayaking, British Cycling, Expedition Leader, Indoor Climbing etc.) and be willing to work toward others.

You would be required to build and maintain mutually beneficial relationships with other partner agencies across the City of Manchester and beyond; to widen the opportunities for young people to participate in outdoor education and adventurous activities.

WHAT WILL I BE DOING?

- To develop and coordinate the delivery of an engaging programme of sporting and outdoor activity that motivates, encourages and supports young people. Designing programmes to facilitate positive outcomes for young people; developing their confidence, self-esteem and social skills.
- To ensure that the sports and outdoors programme is high quality, innovative, and suits the needs, abilities, interests and experience of young people
- To coordinate the delivery of the Duke of Edinburgh Award, with a team of sessional staff and volunteers.
- Oversee the indoor climbing offer within the Youth Zone and external sports areas.
- To provide direct line management support, coaching, and development for sessional workers and volunteers to ensure young people receive high quality experiences. Clear structure, planning and purpose to underpin every session with clear session briefs and debriefs.
- Map out the existing adventurous activity offer across Greater Manchester and develop relationships with partner agencies that will create new pathways and opportunities for young people through collaborative working.
- To create opportunities for accredited and recorded learning.
- To monitor, record and evaluate work and provide reports and information as required in order to ensure a consistently high-quality youth work provision and demonstrate the impact of the Youth Zone.
- To act as a session lead for youth zone sessions as and when required; responsible for young people, team and the building, during the session.
- Deal with any problems during sessions including dealing with accidents, and emergencies ensuring appropriate recording and reporting.
- Working with our Marketing and Communications Lead to ensure all activities are appropriately promoted.
- Work in line with safeguarding policies and procedures (working closely with the Designated Safeguarding Lead) and behaviour management during sessions to ensure the Youth Zone is a welcoming environment for all young people
- Work with the Facilities Manager to undertake the necessary risk assessments, assessing hazards, acting upon any issues and putting in place appropriate protocols to ensure all activities are planned and carried out safely in line with the Health and educational visits policies and procedures
- Supporting the fundraising team to identify opportunities and grants for additional experiences for young people
- Supporting effective joint working with schools and other partner agencies to ensure a holistic approach in service delivery to young people, including representing the Youth Zone at meetings with partner agencies
- Giving support across the whole Youth Zone offer (as required) which takes place every evening, weekend and during school holidays, as well as occasional residential opportunities
- Carry out any other reasonable duties as requested

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 Empower Youth Zones and OnSide
- Represent Empower Youth Zones 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		
Proven experience of working with young people aged 8 -19 (up to 25 for those with additional needs) in outdoor and adventure activity settings	Essential	A & I
Proven experience of engaging vulnerable, disengaged or hard to reach young people	Desirable	A & I
Experience of managing a staff team (including volunteers)	Essential	A & I
Experience of dealing with safeguarding issues within a multi-agency setting	Desirable	A & I
Organising and delivering a programme of youth work activities in Indoor & outdoor settings, including Sports and Adventurous Activities	Essential	A & I
Experience of working with children and young people with additional needs and disability	Essential	A & I
Experience of monitoring and evaluation processes	Essential	A & I
Experience managing externally funded projects	Desirable	A

Experience providing information, advice, guidance and support to young people	Desirable	A & I
Experience of working towards and achieving outcomes with young people	Essential	A & I
Qualifications		
Level 2 Youth Work Qualification	Desirable	A
Skills		
Skills in at least one adventure activity	Essential	A & I
Excellent communication skills to deliver activity programmes to a wide range of young people	Essential	A & I
Ability to motivate and engage staff, volunteers and young people	Essential	A & I
Strong commitment to young people and ability to engage and build positive relationships with disengaged young people	Essential	A & I
Ability to establish good professional relationships with young people, adults and partner agencies/organisations	Essential	A & I
Ability to manage and organise several tasks at a time	Essential	A & I
Able to communicate effectively with young people, parents, team members and members of the public	Essential	A & I
Ability to engage and build positive relationships with young people including disengaged and disadvantaged young people	Essential	A & I
Knowledge		
Understand the principles of working with young people, the issues affecting their lives and knowledge of their needs	Desirable	A & I
Knowledge of health and safety, diversity awareness and safeguarding best practice	Essential	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
Full Clean UK Driving License	Essential	A & I

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/



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OUR VISION, MISSION & VALUES

OUR VISION

Children and Young People are inspired to lead healthy, happy, safe and successful lives.

OUR MISSION

To provide children and young people with somewhere safe to go, something positive to do and someone trusted to talk to.

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, with 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.



AMBITIOUS

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



COLLABORATIVE

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