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MAIN DETAILS

Status: Deactivated
Level: Other Education
Date Posted: Mon Jan 9 2023
Application Closing Date: Thu Jan 26 2023
Status of Post: Part-Time
Number of Vacancies: 1

POST DETAILS

Title:

Project Worker Wizards of Words Advisor

Description:

Project Worker, WOW Advisor, Dublin

Location: Various School Locations in Dublin

Contract: Part-time (15 hours per week) and fixed term up to June 2024

Salary: €11,254 - €17,395 This is the pro-rata annualised salary for 15 hours per week with the working hours being aligned with the school calendar

Wizards of Words (WoW) is a school-based reading initiative developed by Barnardos in 2007. It is a targeted intergenerational paired reading programme whose purpose is to improve children's overall reading achievement. The programme pairs first and second class students who are nominated by teachers for extra reading support and have been assessed as meeting the eligibility criteria for WoW. The trained volunteers meet with their child three times weekly for 30 minute sessions in a communal setting during school hours to provide individualised reading instruction and support.

WoW is based on a balanced literacy approach which supports current Department of Education and Skills (DES) reading initiatives and English curriculum expectations. WoW uses a standardised programme and a guided reading approach, which focuses on four key areas of reading: phonics, vocabulary building, reading comprehension and reading fluency. The child benefits from having individual attention that is focused on their reading, as well as the development of a positive relationship with an adult.

The WoW programme is based in schools which are included in the Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools Programme (DEIS) under the Department of Education and Skills. Between 2008 and 2012, a Randomized Control Trial (RCT) evaluation was completed which found that the children who received WoW made gains in word recognition, phonemic awareness, phonic knowledge, and reading self-beliefs, reading accuracy. Continued pre and post programme testing in the WoW continues to demonstrate improvements in children's reading ability.

The programme is currently delivered in 15 schools across Dublin as follows: 11 in Dublin 11; 2 in Dublin 8; 1 in Dublin 10; 1 in Dublin 15). WoW Advisors will work to support the delivery of the programme in assigned schools and will work collaboratively with the WoW team.

Job purpose

- To ensure the smooth day-to-day operation of the WoW programme in designated schools across Dublin.
- The Wizard of Words reading programme is an intergenerational paired reading programme

whose purpose is to improve children's overall reading achievement. The programme is based on an evidence-based US model that pairs a child struggling to acquire reading skills with a mature adult who volunteers.

- The adult volunteer reads to and with the child, offering them individual attention and encouragement. The programme recognises that the children benefit academically, while both the children and adults benefit socially from the relationships they develop.

Personal attributes

- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to manage in a dynamic and busy environment.
- Teamwork required and the ability to work in collaboration with others.
- Flexibility and adaptability in terms of tasks and time.
- Ability to manage the volunteer and advisor team in a constructive way, ensuring that a high level of service provision is delivered.
- Ability to be child-centred and needs led.
- Ability to work autonomously but seek advice as appropriate.
- Ability to develop, manage and maintain internal and external relationships with a range of stakeholders.
- Ability to work to best standards and work within policy framework and legislation.
- Ability to be responsive, flexible, creative and problem-solving.
- Ability to be analytical and critical.

Experience

- A minimum of 2 years post qualification teaching experience at national school level.
- Specific knowledge of child development, children's literacy issues and successful tutoring strategies.
- Ability to engage with and manage a large number of volunteers.
- Computer literate.

Qualifications

Bachelor of Education or equivalent

For full job description and to apply please visit www.barnardos.ie/jobs

Closing date: Thursday 26 January 2023

Interview date: Week of 6 February 2023

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Application Form

Applications may be submitted by

- External Application Form

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