

**JOB DESCRIPTION**

Weekend Youth Worker

**Purpose**

To teach, guide and challenge our young people aged 12+ (the Pathfinders) through their journey in faith.

To work closely with the Minister and to coordinate and lead an evolving programme of activities in our Church and community that caters for their spiritual and social needs.

The introduction of this post envisages a growth in the numbers of young people aged 12+ attending worship at our Church.

**Responsibilities**

* To initiate and support, with the approval of the Minister and Kirk Session, a weekly teaching programme and a range of evening activities (one per month) to encourage young people, both within the congregation and beyond, to foster their sense of belonging to our Church family and grow in their faith
* To work with the Minister and Young Church Co-ordinator to plan and co-ordinate the activities of the Pathfinders.
* To lead the Pathfinders, who currently meet on Sunday mornings and to develop regular monthly Saturday social and educational outings in and around Edinburgh.
* To organise and lead weekends away (a maximum of two per year).
* To organise creatively two fundraising events to fund the weekends away and outings.
* To involve, under the direction of the Minister, the Pathfinders in aspects of leading Sunday worship.
* To attend the Education & Young Church Leaders’ Committee meetings (usually 6 per annum), Planning Meetings with the Minister and other meetings by arrangement.
* To provide a quarterly written report to the Kirk Session and to attend Kirk Session meetings on occasion (probably once per year).
* To develop relationships with the uniformed organisations (i.e. Guides, Scouts and Explorer Scouts) who normally meet at the Church on Monday and Friday evenings.
* To keep up to date with developments and resources in the areas of youth education in the Church of Scotland and to draw on these where necessary.
* To prepare, under the direction of the Minister, relevant promotional material and other publicity for Pathfinders meetings and events.
* To comply with the GDPR and Safeguarding policies of Fairmilehead Parish Church.