



Playworker Apprentice

Salary: £25,948 p.a. (£21,038 pro rata)

Hours per week: 30 hours per week on annualised hours contract usually working between 18 and 37 hours per week including weekend and evenings. Peak demand for service is during school holidays with no more than equivalent of 5 days leave to be taken in the summer holidays and no more than equivalent of 10 days leave to be taken in school holidays per leave year

Location: Adventure Playgrounds in Portsmouth

Contract type: Fixed Term Contract for 18 months

Completing Level 2 Playwork qualification with Jace Training

Portsmouth City Council is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Every post is subject to PCC and Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Partnership safer recruitment procedures.

This role requires a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check at Standard/Enhanced level which will be required prior to any offer of employment and this post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

The Service:

Portsmouth's Play and Youth Service is home to six incredible Adventure Playgrounds, hidden gems nestled across the city where children are free to explore, discover and thrive. These exciting spaces offer children the freedom to be adventurous, creative, noisy, messy, imaginative and most importantly, themselves.

Each playground features impressive climbing structures and play equipment designed to inspire confidence, challenge physical skills and spark curiosity. Many of these unique spaces have been co-designed and decorated by the children who use them, creating environments that truly belong to the community.

There's always something new to enjoy, from exciting outdoor adventures and sports activities to arts, crafts, imaginative play and creative projects. Every experience is designed to encourage children to learn, grow, build friendships and have fun in a safe, supportive environment.

Our Adventure Playgrounds are staffed by skilled playworkers who champion child-led play, allowing children the freedom to choose how they spend their time, follow their interests and create their own adventures. Best of all, the service is completely free, with children able to come and go independently and enjoy play on their own terms.

Where adventure begins, confidence grows and childhood flourishes.

The best way to learn about the service is to visit our PYC (Play, Youth & Communities) website - <https://www.pycportsmouth.co.uk/>

What is the role?

We are looking for an enthusiastic fun and friendly person who has the ability to engage with children and their families, is able to be proactive and meet the needs of the children on an adventure playground.

You will be supporting activities for children aged 6 -13 at council run Adventure Playgrounds in the Portsmouth area. Activities include Arts & Crafts, Sports and other creative activities. You will be engaging and communicating with children from varying backgrounds as well as interacting with their parents and your own colleagues. You will also be responsible for ensuring the sites are a safe environment for children to play in and report any potential dangers.

What you'll do at work:

- Assist with planning, preparing and delivering quality play opportunities within a safe and caring environment
- Helping to set up and lead a variety of play activities
- Consulting with children and involving them in planning activities.
- Helping with administration, where necessary
- Undertaking appropriate and relevant training
- Keeping the work environment healthy, safe and secure
- Building positive, caring relationships with children
- Ensuring children's safety and wellbeing at all times
- Learning from experienced practitioners while completing your apprenticeship training

Who is the person?

You need to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding for Safeguarding children in this role
2. Be committed to active learning to support positive play opportunities for children
3. Embed the play ethos and theory into daily practice, for gaining the L2 in Playwork.
4. Be self-motivated and have enthusiasm to support creative activities for children.
5. Be able to relate to younger people.
6. Have good communication skills. You will be talking to a wide range of people including children, parents, and colleagues.
7. Be a team player who can work in small teams effectively.
8. Be flexible enough to be based in any of the play provisions throughout Portsmouth and the surrounding area.



You will need to demonstrate that you have the Right to Work in the UK. No post will be offered without it.

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