

Summer Play Worker

Salary: £14.18 per hour

Casual work as & when required Monday - Saturday between 25th July - 2nd September 2025, with the possibility of further work through out the year

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. It is also committed to promoting quality childcare across the City that works to improve outcomes for children.

DBS Disclosure at Enhanced level will be required prior to any offer of employment and this post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

Every post is subject to PCC and Portsmouth Safeguarding Children's Board safer recruitment procedures.

The Service

The Play and Youth Service boasts 6 unique Adventure Playgrounds in Portsmouth which are wild gems tucked away in the corners of the city. They are places for children to test themselves, be loud, be messy, be silly, be creative... all the stuff that children excel in. Our Adventure Playgrounds have huge climbing structures designed to challenge agility, balance and imagination, and many have been co-designed and painted by the children themselves. There's a whole host of exciting things for children to become involved in, including a variety of indoor and outdoor activities such as inventive games, sports, arts and crafts, creative and imaginative play, designed to challenge, delight and inspire. Our playgrounds are staffed by playworkers and are free of charge, free for children to come and go as they please and free for children to direct their own play experience.

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 over the summer holidays at council run Adventure Playgrounds in the Portsmouth area and the Leigh Park Play in the Park project. 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.

You will be required to attend some mandatory training prior to starting the role which you will be paid for. The location and dates can be flexible to suit your availability. From the 25th July you will be working on the adventure playground in the Portsmouth area on a casual basis between 10.00am - 6.00pm Monday - Saturday.

Who is the person?

You need to:

1. Be aged 18 or over.
2. Demonstrate an understanding for Safeguarding children in this role
3. Be self-motivated and have enthusiasm to support creative activities for children.
4. Be able to relate to younger people.
5. Have good communication skills. You will be talking to a wide range of people including children, parents, and colleagues.
6. Be a team player who can work in small teams effectively.
7. Be flexible enough to be based in any of the play provisions throughout Portsmouth and the surrounding area.

When completing the application form, please thoroughly tailor your application to the 'Who is the Person' points with the use of examples from your experience. This is really important or you are likely not to be shortlisted.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

As part of any recruitment process, Portsmouth City Council collects and processes personal data relating to job applicants. Portsmouth City Council is committed to being transparent about how it collects and uses that data and to meeting its data protection obligations under the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

Completing and sending an application in for a vacancy is your consent for us to process your data for the purpose of recruitment. Your data is not used in any other way and you can withdraw your consent at any point in the recruitment process and we will destroy or delete your information.

For more detailed information on what we collect, how we use, store, delete data and your rights you can access a privacy statement on our Job board.

This role is eligible for a DBS check and the DBS have published a privacy notice to ensure individuals are fully informed of the use of their personal data; their rights and that Portsmouth City Council are meeting the necessary requirements when submitting DBS checks. It is important that you read and understand this privacy policy before any application is submitted to the DBS.

Visit the Gov website to read the full notice.

Please include the below statement in your application. It is important you know your rights.

I have read the Standards/Enhanced Check Privacy Policy for applicants and I understand how the DBS will process my personal data and the options available to me when submitting an application Signed.....Dated.....

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