

**Jesus Shaped People (JSP) Champion within the Diocese of Chester**

**Job Description**

**Job Title:** JSP Champion

**Reports to:** Mission Adviser & JSP Team Leader

**Salary Range: £24,700 - £26,300 Full Time Equivalent**

**Pro-rata hourly rate of £13.54 to £14.41**

**Hours of work:** 6 hours per week average over 18 months

Flexible working is required, including evenings and weekends

**Normal place of work:**  Church House, Daresbury Park, Daresbury, Warrington with some home working available

**Annual Leave:** 33 days per annum calculated on a pro-rata basis (including bank and statutory holidays).

**Background**

Jesus Shaped People (JSP) is a Whole Church Discipleship Programme. It was formed in 2006 in a church that serves a large urban estate community in Bradford, West Yorkshire.

Growing interest, steady adoption and the effectiveness of JSP led to the formation of a Charitable Trust (CIO) in 2017 to oversee future development.

JSP maintains a high priority for re-energising churches in socially disadvantaged areas, helping them realise their vital place, dignity, and role in Jesus’ heart and Kingdom.

Following a successful bid\* to the Church Commissioners (CoE) the Trustees are seeking to add to our existing Staff Team to help deliver the aims and objectives of our latest major project ‘JSP Innovation’ (JSPI).

In summary, this is a partnership with two Anglican dioceses to deliver JSP in five parishes in each diocese over three years to assess the impact and share learning. The project has already been running for well over a year, the various churches are at different stages of their journey.

\*the full bid is available on request.

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Whilst every endeavour has been made to outline the duties and responsibilities of the role, this document is not all encompassing. The job description may be subject to some change in discussion with the line manager.

**Summary of Role**

To champion JSP distinctives and support the Innovation Project within the Diocese. Become a strategic member of the Team. Provide support and mentoring for the parishes in the project. The successful candidate will build on the effective work already done by the previous Champion.

**Range of responsibilities**

**Strategic**

* To work collaboratively with the JSP Team Leader, Diocesan colleagues, local clergy and other church-based stakeholders within the project,
* Link JSP into Chester’s strategy by keeping diocesan staff informed of developments
* Assist with the support and development of mission accompaniers

**Evaluating and Learning**

* Monitor and evaluate how JSP is working and progressing in the partner parishes by actively seeking feedback and suggesting adaptations as appropriate. Keep simple records to store on our database.

**Person Specification**

* An ordained **or** lay person who is enthusiastic for the aims, method, and vision of Jesus Shaped People and recognises its potential in the Diocese and partner parishes, and preferably with professional or lived experience in an Urban / Estate context.
* Entrepreneurial spirit with a drive for initiative and creativity.
* Enthusiastic advocate for intergenerational ministry.
* A heart for the local church and particularly areas of social disadvantage.
* Proven listening and mentoring skills.
* Good written and verbal communication skills.
* Ability to work at home and as part of a dispersed team.
* Good organisational and time management skills.
* Valid full driving license (preferred, but not essential).

**Appointment subject to an enhanced DBS check.**

There is an Occupational Requirement that the post holder is a practising Christian, in accordance with the Equality Act, 2010.

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