



**Inter-generational Champion for the Jesus Shaped People Innovation project within the Diocese of Chester**

**Job Description**

**Job Title:** Inter-generationalJSP 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 is a Whole Church Discipleship Programme. It was formed in 2006 in a church a 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 with accompaniment 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 be a strategic member of the Core Team. To provide support and ongoing mentoring for churches involved in the JSP Innovation project within the Diocese of Chester. These parishes are in socially disadvantaged communities. The principal aim of Inter-generational (I-gen) ministry approach is to ensure that children and young people are taking their proper place in church life alongside adults.

There is increasing recognition that I-gen is an attractive model for churches with very few, or even no children and young people. It is also a fresh expression of church where no functioning structure for children or young people exists.

The successful candidate will have an enthusiasm for promoting I-gen ministry creatively, with for example, initiatives such as *Brick Church.* We expect movements like Brick Church to become increasingly attractive option for mission minded churches interested in all ages.

**Range of Responsibilities**

**Strategic**

* *Engage directly* with the JSPI churches to encourage, equip, and train for work with children, young people, and families from a JSP perspective. This is the primary task.
* Actively monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the resources.
* Create simple records of key interactions to be stored on the JSP database.

**Other associated tasks**

Promote safe working practices.

Highlight examples of good practice and successes.

Contribute to JSP’s social media accounts as appropriate.

Supervision and Guidance

The I-gen Champion is responsible to the Team Leader and expected to work collaboratively with other colleagues either voluntary or paid.

**Person Specification**

* At least 2 years previous experience in a similar post (paid **or** voluntary) with preferably, experience in an Urban / Estate context.
* Passionate about promoting intergenerational ministry within the Diocese. Experience with, or a working knowledge of, Brick Church or creative activity is desirable but not essential.
* Formal relevant qualification I.e., Certificate/Diploma in HE Theology or above with C/YP emphasis or a specific Children/Youth/Family Christian Ministry diploma/certificate or higher from an appropriately accredited College and/or listed with CYWT, **or** significant experience in a similar ministry (paid **or** voluntary).
* Entrepreneurial spirit with a drive for initiative and creativity.
* A heart for the local church and particularly areas of social deprivation and ability to offer hope to those working in fragile situations with few children/young people/families.
* Good written and verbal communication skills.
* Ability to work as part of a dispersed team.
* Ability to work from home and travel .
* Good organisational and time management skills.
* Valid full driving licence (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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