



We are a Walney-based community hub which strives to meet the needs of our community”

Introduction: Community Worker

The Trust, which has supported the community of Walney since its establishment in 2003, is seeking to appoint a suitable candidate for the position of Community Worker.

There are two key areas to the work of the Trust: our youth work and our community work. Our long-established youth club and other work with young people has underpinned the youth work for many years. The community work was introduced some years or so ago and has also flourished. Over time, it has become more apparent that these vital provisions overlap considerably and as such, there is a need to develop roles that oversee these key areas of the Trust.

The Community Worker will work with children, young people, adults and families in our community, helping to build healthy relationships, with inclusive and engaging opportunities that promote wellbeing, resilience participation and positive community connections. They will build trusted relationships, support outreach activities, encourage community involvement and contribute to programmes that respond to local needs.

This is an exciting opportunity for someone who is passionate about supporting people, strengthening communities and making a positive difference to the lives of local residents. The role requires excellent interpersonal skills, a commitment to safeguarding and inclusion, and the ability to work effectively both independently and as part of a wider team. Based on the job responsibilities outlined in

All the Trust's staff are funded by a variety of external funding agencies, many of which have been ready to support our work over a considerable number of years. The Deputy Community & Youth Lead positions have been funded by: Team Barrow, Francis C Scott Trust, Sir John Fisher Foundation, The National Lottery, securing us another 3 years of funding for our community and youth work provision. In practice, this means that we can offer the new appointee a position funded until March 2029.

Trustees have given their full support to seeking a Community Worker, for 10 hours per week over a full year, at £12.71 per hour. We are looking for the successful candidate to start as soon as possible. The post will mainly be based in our centre on Walney, the hours will be worked within the weekly community sessions, across the week to meet the needs of the Trust.

Trust employees are entitled to 28 days paid holiday (pro-rata for part-time) during our holiday year, which runs from 1st January to 31st December each year. This includes provision for the 8 public/bank holidays (pro-rata for part-time).

The work of the Community Worker will be a valuable position working with local stakeholders in the area. Here is a selection of feedback we have received:

“Trust staff are an invaluable and integral part of our local partnership infrastructure. For example, they are a key partner in the Furness Youth Work Partnership which brings local youth work delivery partners together to jointly achieve positive outcomes for children, young people and families, and to keep young people safe. They achieve this by good planning and



coordination; providing young people with things to do, places to go and people to talk to; championing and advocating to ensure local voices are heard; and by working innovatively and creatively.”

“As someone who comes from a youth work background, I think Walney is exceptionally blessed to have your Trust at its centre as well as Leonard Cheshire just up the road, both are real assets to the area with the service you provide for young people and their families. The work that has been done throughout this pandemic has been truly exceptional, not just from youth working staff but all Trust staff and the volunteers who have provided the food hub service.”

Hopefully this Introduction shows you a little of why we are very keen for this work to continue and are now seeking to make an appointment to this new role!

If this is a position you are interested in, then please read the following documents, that are available on the Vacancies page on the Trust website www.walneycommunitytrust.org

Person Specification

Job Description

Application Form

If, having studied these, you wish to make an application, then please send **both** the following to Laura Powell, Community & Youth Lead at laura.powell@walneycommunitytrust.org or by post to: Walney Community Trust, Spring Mount Community Hall, Amphitrite Street, Walney, Barrow-in-Furness LA14 3AR:

- (i) a completed **application form**
- (ii) your **current CV**

If you require any further information before submitting an application, or if you would like an informal chat and/or visit to our centre, please contact me on laura.powell@walneycommunitytrust.org

Thank you for your interest in Walney Community Trust!

Laura Powell

Community & Youth Lead