

## People's Park Nature Ranger Assistant



### Job Description

<b>LOCATION</b>	People's Park, Ballymena
<b>JOB TITLE</b>	People's Park Nature Ranger Assistant
<b>SALARY</b>	£8.21 per hour
<b>RESPONSIBLE TO</b>	People's Park Nature Rangers Manager
<b>HOLIDAY ENTITLEMENT</b>	28 days
<b>HOURS</b>	17.5 hours per week 2pm-5.30pm normally (flexible working is required)
<b>LENGTH OF SERVICE</b>	This post is for an initial period of one-year. It is hoped that the position will be made permanent but will be dependent on successfully developing the after-schools provision.
<b>MAIN PURPOSE OF THE JOB</b>	To support the People's Park Manager to provide and manage safe, high quality forest school opportunities and care for children, and assist in the day to day organisation and operation of the after-school club.



**This is a fantastic opportunity to become employed with a dynamic and progressive national charity.**

#### **Main Functions – People's Park Nature Ranger Assistant– After-Schools Club**

1. To assist in providing a high quality, outdoor activities, offering appropriate stimulation and support to the children.
2. To assist in providing safe, creative, appropriate educational/play opportunities, preparing and organising the activities programme.
3. To promote Learning through Play.
4. To assist in providing full care for the children including collection of children from classes and the safe delivery to parents and/or named carers. This will include providing refreshments.
5. To assist in ensuring that the Nature Ranger Centre is a safe environment for children, that equipment is safe, standards of hygiene are high, safety procedures are implemented at all times and fire drills/evacuation procedures are carried out effectively.

6. To assist in ensuring records are properly maintained e.g. accident, incident book etc.
7. To administer First Aid as appropriate.
8. To assist in the carrying out of day to day administration, record keeping, ordering and purchasing materials and equipment.
9. To work within an agreed budget.
10. To assist in the marketing of People's Park Nature Ranger Centre in a positive way.
11. To liaise with parents/carers, informing them about the club and its activities, exchanging information about the children's progress and encouraging parental involvement.
12. To assist in ensuring that all legal and statutory requirements are implemented and provide reports as required.
13. To assist in the implementation of all club policies and procedures.
14. To attend meetings/training as appropriate and keep up to date with current developments and practice.
15. To carry out all responsibilities and activities within an equal opportunities framework.
16. To work within agreed policies and practices, including behaviour management, child protection, equal opportunities and Health & Safety.

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This job description sets out the duties of the post at the time it was drawn up. The post holder may be required from time to time to undertake other duties within the school as may be reasonable expected, without changing the general character of the duties or the level of responsibility entailed. This is a common occurrence and would not justify a reconsideration of the grading of the post.

## Job Specification

ATTRIBUTES	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE	HOW IDENTIFIED
Relevant Experience	A minimum of 2 years' experience of working with children.	Experience of working in a nursery/school environment	CV/interview
Education and Training	Relevant NVQ2 but preferably higher level.  First Aid Qualification.  Full Driving Licence.  Willingness to undertake child protection training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food hygiene certificate</li> <li>• Health &amp; Safety training</li> <li>• Evidence of Child Protection training</li> <li>• Forest School training</li> </ul>	CV/interview
Special knowledge and skills	Ability to supervise a group of children outside in all weathers.  Good communication skills.  Tact and diplomacy skills.		CV/interview/ references
Any additional factors	Self-motivated and enthusiastic.  Patient, tolerant and friendly approach.  Enhanced AccessNI (after appointment).  Displays an awareness, understanding and commitment to the protection and safeguarding of children and young people.		CV/Interview/ references