

ROLE PROFILE

HEAD OF YOUTH WORK & PARTNERSHIPS BARNLSLEY YOUTH ZONE



SALARY OFFER:

£35,000 to £40,000 (dependent upon experience) with 33 days Holiday (inclusive of bank holidays)

LOCATION:

Until the Youth Zone is completed and fully operational you will be based at Barnsley Youth Zone's temporary offices space at Barnsley College Business Centre, Falcon Street, Barnsley S70 2EY.

REPORTING TO:

Chief Executive Officer

CONTRACT:

Permanent full-time, 37.5 hours per week

LINE REPORT:

Youth Work Team Leaders and Coordinators

BENEFITS:

Workplace pension

Free gym access (once the Youth Zone opens)

Access to OnSide's Talent Academy; bespoke training and mentoring

OUR COMMITMENT TO EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

As an equal opportunities employer, we welcome applications from under-represented groups; in particular from Black, Asian, Mixed Race & other ethnically diverse individuals, people with disabilities, and members of LGBTQ+ communities. Our dedicated ED&I Group, with support from the Senior Leadership Team, is actively promoting and advancing diversity and inclusion at OnSide, ensuring a culture where everyone can be themselves and thrive.



ABOUT BARNSELEY YOUTH ZONE

Barnsley Youth Zone is a brand-new locally run youth charity, set to provide thousands of young people with the opportunity to have fun, make new friends, try something new and feel safe.

With community centric values and located in the heart of Barnsley, it will be an inspiring place for young people aged 8 - 19, and up to 25 for those with additional needs, to enjoy their leisure. The building is due to be completed in 2025.

It will change the lives of thousands of young people each year - delivering social impact on an incredible scale.

State-of-the-art facilities will offer over 20 activities—including sports, arts, culture, and recreation—available every evening, weekend, and school holiday, showcasing our commitment to providing the best for young people.

Barnsley Youth Zone is based on a proven model of youth service and youth work provision that is aligned to community needs and supported by cross-sector funding. Barnsley Youth Zone will give young people affordable access to services designed to empower them to lead healthier, positive and more active lives, raising their own aspirations and their community.

Watch here to see the power of youth work and the impact attending a Youth Zone has had on young people and see the support Barnsley Youth Zone will provide to young people. As our website is still under development please take a look at OnSide's website [here](#)

[Archie's story #ButWhenImHere - YouTube](#)

[Mala's story #ButWhenImHere \(youtube.com\)](#)

ABOUT ONSIDE

Potential is everywhere. In every home on every street, from affluent suburbs to inner-city estates. The difference is that some young people get every opportunity to explore their potential. Others don't.

OnSide is a national charity that believes all young people should have the opportunity to discover their passion and their purpose to find what they've got and where it could take them.

OnSide funds and builds state-of-the-art, multimillion-pound Youth Zones in the country's most economically disadvantaged areas. They train the amazing people that run them and they offer continuing support via the nationwide OnSide Network where they can learn and grow, share their stories, and celebrate their success together.

This is passionate, properly funded youth provision, with no ifs or buts. It's about giving young people a chance to shine in an environment where they can be themselves.

It's about opportunity.

[OnSide - But when I'm here \(youtube.com\)](#)

<https://www.onsideyouthzones.org/>

THE ROLE

Are you motivated, energetic, and organised with the ability to connect with both young people and staff/volunteers? If you're fun, full of energy yet know how to stay composed under pressure then this role might be just what you're looking for.

If you're passionate about helping young people unlock their potential, we want to hear from you!

The Head of Youth Work & Partnerships is an exciting and challenging leadership role where you will lead a team of Youth Workers and oversee the universal youth work offer. We're looking for someone creative, ambitious for young people, with a positive attitude and a hands-on approach, all while delivering top-notch results.

No two days are the same, so you'll need to be versatile, leading the creation of the new Youth Work Offer while managing both the recruitment and development of the delivery team. You'll also be responsible for the smooth implementation and operation of all core programs, including junior, senior, and holiday clubs.

You'll be a crucial part of this new Youth Zone for Barnsley, welcoming up to 250 young people each session and creating a space where they can thrive.

ALL BARNSELY YOUTH ZONE EMPLOYEES ARE EXPECTED TO:

- Be a role model for young people, present a positive 'can-do' attitude and take personal responsibility for your own actions.
- Work within the performance framework of the charity and live the values of Barnsley Youth Zone and the OnSide Network, contributing to a culture of high performance, continuous improvement and a young person first, team always ethos.
- Represent and promote the Youth Zone positively and effectively in all dealings with internal colleagues and external partners, assist with any promotional activities and visits that take place at Barnsley.

JOB DESCRIPTION

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

STAFFING AND TEAM MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and Development: Recruit, retain, and develop a high-quality, motivated team of staff and volunteers. Provide coaching and support to help them achieve their full potential.

Staff Management: Manage the delivery team, ensure an effective staff rota is in place and address any challenges such as holidays cover planning, absence, and performance.

THE YOUTH WORK OFFER AND PROGRAMME

Programme Management: Ensure an inclusive, engaging, and up-to-date youth work programme is delivered seven days a week. The programme should be safe, continuously improving, and meet the needs of young people.

Communication: Share programme details with the communications lead to ensure they are well-communicated to young people, keeping content current and on trend across multiple communications channels.

SAFETY AND SAFEGUARDING

Safe Environment: Ensure the Youth Zone is a safe, welcoming place for young people, maintaining high standards of behavior.

Safeguarding Leadership: Serve on the senior safeguarding team and act as the Designated Safeguarding Lead. Integrating the Youth Zone within Local Authority safeguarding practices and strategy meetings.

High-Standard Facilities: Work with senior leadership and departmental leads to maintain high standards in the Youth Zone's facilities, communicating any issues to the facilities manager.

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Involvement and Voice: Ensure young people's ideas are integral to planning all activities, and they have a voice within the senior leadership team.

Attendance and KPI Achievement: Ensure the Youth Zone is well-attended and meets key performance indicators (KPIs), such as attendance targets and outcomes for funded projects.

EVALUATION AND REPORTING

Feedback and Evaluation: Commit to continuous feedback and review processes for Barnsley's delivery and impact. Contribute to the OnSide network's evaluation and excellence framework, including storytelling through case studies.

Budget Management: Manage budgets and complete delivery reports.

LEADERSHIP AND NETWORKING

Youth Advocacy: Champion young people within the organisation, ensuring all services provide a great experience.

Senior Networking: Network with key partners, stakeholders, and supporters at a senior level to maintain significant support.

Strategic Leadership:

- Serve as a member of Barnsley's Senior Leadership Team, acting as a role model and contributing to the strategic plan and fundraising efforts.
- Comply with all policies, procedures, and codes of conduct, with particular reference to Safeguarding, Health & Safety, and Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Applicants will be expected to demonstrate the experience, skills, knowledge and aptitudes listed below throughout the recruitment process. However, if you don't meet every single requirement but feel you have strong and relevant transferrable skills or lived experience to draw from, we encourage you to apply anyway. Why?

Studies have shown that women and Black, Asian, Mixed Race & other ethnically diverse people are less likely to apply for jobs unless they meet every single criteria/ competency. OnSide and the Network are dedicated to driving change and to building diverse, inclusive, and authentic workplaces, so if you're excited about this role but your past experience doesn't align perfectly, please tell us how your experience is transferrable.

You may be just the right candidate!

SELECTION CRITERIA
EXPERIENCE
Proven track record leading open-access youth services creating a safe environment to deliver engaging programmes for diverse youth demographics (ages 8-19, up to 25 with additional needs/disabilities)
Experienced in safeguarding, ideally as a designated Safeguarding Lead, ensuring the safety and well-being of all young people with unwavering commitment and proficiency in related referral processes.
Demonstrates strong communication skills (written & verbal), effectively engaging with all levels of internal and external stakeholders ranging from young people to board level, always ensuring clear and impactful interactions.
Experience managing clear behavior standards and managing conflict between young people.
Proven leadership experience; inspiring, guiding, and developing operational teams and volunteers through hands-on mentoring and support.
Proven management experience with a solid understanding of basic HR processes related to people management, attendance, and staff performance.
Proven track record in project management of youth programmes, , H&S requirements, staff scheduling and budgeting having the ability to prioritise deadlines to achieve impactful outcomes.
Strong experience in external partnership identification, development and stewardship, impact monitoring and reporting
SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND ATTRIBUTES
Having a young person focused approach, being passionate about the power and impact of youth work and using it as a vehicle to empower young people to become the very best versions of themselves.
Knowledge and understanding of the national and local issues facing young people, alongside an understanding of contextual safeguarding and the youth work process.
A collaborative approach with the ability to engage with a variety of stakeholders to build strong relationships, creating opportunities for high quality youth work delivery.
A commitment to the mission, aims and values of Barnsley Youth Zone, a knowledge of the youth & voluntary sector across the Barnsley Borough and what it has to offer to the wider community would be advantageous.
An ongoing commitment to equity, fairness, and respect.
A willingness to work evenings & weekends with the flexibility, motivation and commitment to meeting the needs of young people at Barnsley Youth Zone, ensuring a quality youth work offer is upheld.
QUALIFICATIONS
Educated to degree level in a relevant subject or equivalent experience, ideally supported by a youth work qualification
Proficient IT skills with an understanding of Office 365 and relevant support systems
Where applicable, evidence of ongoing professional development (for example Safeguarding, Health & Safety, Management etc.)

GENERAL INFORMATION

The normal hours of work are 37.5 per week, or those necessary to fulfil the requirements of the position. There will be a requirement to work outside the normal 9 to 5, Monday to Friday, working week, including frequent evenings and weekends. This will mean working flexibly across the week, to suit the needs of both the role and the individual. Pre-opening and before the Youth Zone is built there will be elements of flexible working.

The Head of Youth Work & Partnerships will have a 2-month placement, touring and observing other Heads of Youth Work, their teams and the Youth Zone's delivery offer.

In accordance with our Child Protection and Safeguarding procedures, this position requires an Enhanced DBS check.

APPLICATION PROCESS

ANONYMOUS APPLICATIONS:

We recognise our workforce is under-represented in certain areas and are committed to addressing this. We strongly encourage applicants to submit anonymous applications; in practice this means removing your name & email address from your CV & cover letter. Only these documents will be shared with the selection panel.

To apply, please email a CV and cover letter (no more than one page) in response to the person specification and questions below to: hr@onsideyouthzones.org

1. Why do you want to work for us?
2. Looking at the person specification, briefly describe how your skills and experience (including any lived experience) make you a good candidate for this role. (200 words max)
3. How you demonstrate your commitment to fairness, equity and respect.
4. Confirmation you are eligible to work in the UK (the successful candidate will be required to provide documentary evidence before a job offer confirmed).
5. Any reasonable adjustments we can make to assist you in your application or the selection process.
6. This role will be based in the Youth Zone and therefore require an Enhanced DBS.
 - Do you have any unspent conditional cautions or convictions under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974?
 - Do you have any adult cautions (simple or conditional) or spent convictions that are not protected as defined by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (Amendment) (England and Wales) Order 2020

We look forward to receiving your application. Please be aware that due to the Christmas period, there may be delays in processing applications and responses. Applications will remain open into the new year, with interviews scheduled for early January 2025. We encourage you to apply early, as the role may close early if we receive a high volume of applications.



For information on how OnSide processes your data, go to [OnSide Youth Zones Job Applicant Privacy Notice - OnSide Youth Zones](#)

OUR VALUES



YOUNG PEOPLE FIRST

Young people are at the heart of everything we do, inspiring and challenging us to deliver services that exceed their needs and challenge them to be the best they can be.

EXCELLENCE

We encourage ourselves and each other to be the best we can be through continuous learning and improvement, and a focus on finding solutions.



RESPECT

We act with honesty and integrity, celebrating diversity across the whole organisation and caring about each other, our young people and the Youth Zone environment.

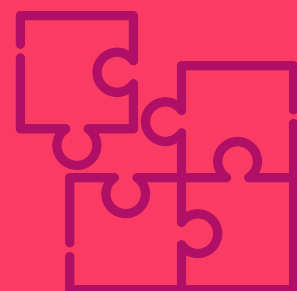


AMBITION

We are passionate and driven in taking on new challenges, embracing new ideas and exceeding our ambitions for young people, the Youth Zones and our local communities.

COLLABORATION

We create and nurture strong, creative partnerships, working together to achieve better results and outcomes for young people.



PROVEN IMPACT



GIVE YOUNG PEOPLE A SAFE EXCITING PLACE TO GO TO HAVE FUN,
BUILD THEIR SOCIAL NETWORKS AND SUPPORT THEIR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT



HELP YOUNG PEOPLE LEAD HEALTHIER, HAPPIER LIVES

