

Role Description

Children's Teams



SPRING HARVEST

Summary of the role

Use your experience of working with children and your passion for Jesus to help make an eternal impact on young lives through the programme at Spring Harvest.

You will need to be a committed Christian, with age-appropriate experience of working with children in your local church.

Children can enjoy lots of activities during a Spring Harvest break, including arts and crafts, stories, worship and drama, all of which relate to the theme for the event. Working in small groups under the programme leader, you will learn the latest children's songs and actions, as well as loads of ideas to take back to your own church. You'll get to interact with the children, pray with them and you may even help a child give their life to Jesus.

OUR CHILDREN'S TEAMS

We run three theme-based programmes for children of different age groups and look for volunteers with age-appropriate experience to work in the following areas:-

- Under 5 years of age
- 5-7 years of age
- 8-11 years of age

WHAT YOU COULD BE DOING:

- Provide care for the children within small groups in the programme
- Teach Biblical truths through stories, craft, games, music and drama
- Participate in daily team meetings, prayer and worship
- Prepare materials, set up and close down venues, and take on other tasks to aid the smooth running of the programme
- Participate in an evening babysitting rota (Under 5s and 5-7s teams only)

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

- Recent experience of working with children.
- Bags of energy as working with children can be physically demanding
- To enjoy playing an active part in developing a child's relationship with God
- Willingness to set aside any denominational emphasis
- Commitment to pray for, and with, children before and during Spring Harvest
- The ability to work within a team under the supervision of a team leader
- Clothes that will not be spoilt by paint, glue, water or general children's mess. (team t-shirts are provided)

DOOR STEWARDS:

Each children's programme has door stewards to ensure the safety and security of the children in the venue. Opportunities to be involved in the programme's activities in this role are limited.

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ADDITIONAL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS:

Each of these programmes has an Additional Needs Coordinator. As well as the duties listed above you will also be asked to:

- Provide appropriate care to children with additional needs
- Enable children with additional needs to participate in the programme as fully as possible
- Liaise with the coordinator regarding the specific care-needs of each child

WORKING PATTERNS AND TEAM SIZES:

UNDER 5 YEARS

- Two morning sessions (9.45am – 11.15am and 11.45am to 1pm). One afternoon session (3pm – 4pm). You will need to be available for all of these sessions.
- Prior to the first morning session, you will be asked to participate in a time of prayer and worship and preparation for the day's activities.
- You may be asked to babysit during the evening for single parents (rota basis).
- Team sizes will depend on adult : child ratios, but will be approximately as follows:
Minehead & Skegness 20-25 volunteers, Harrogate 6 volunteers

5 - 7 YEARS

- One morning session from 9.45am to 1.30pm (including pack down of venue)
- Prior to 9.45am and during the afternoon you will be asked to participate in a time of prayer and preparation with the programme leader
- You may be asked to babysit during the evening for single parents (rota basis).
- Team sizes will depend on adult : child ratios, but will be approximately as follows:
Minehead & Skegness 20-25 volunteers, Harrogate *to be confirmed*

8 - 11 YEARS

- One morning session from 9.45am to 1pm, and one evening session from 6.30pm – 8.45pm
- In addition, before each session you will participate in a time of preparation, prayer and worship, and after each session to pack down the venue and debrief
- Team sizes will depend on adult : child ratios, but will be approximately as follows:
Minehead & Skegness 25-40 volunteers, Harrogate 6 volunteers

VOLUNTEERS MUST BE:

- Over 18 years of age
- Willing to complete an online application and provide referee details
- Obtain a Spring Harvest DBS Certificate for Spring Harvest
- Happy to work within the EA Basis of Faith and Lausanne Covenant
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VOLUNTEERS WILL RECEIVE:

- free team accommodation (shared rooms)
- three meals a day
- travel expenses up to £80

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