



Summary

This internship is for the Academic Year 2018-19, for two days a week plus Sunday's and evening's, it is focused on working with Young people in the region and working alongside the two professional youth workers in Abingdon and Didcot.

The internship will start in September 2018 and end in July 2019, it will include working in schools, working with church youth groups, residential work, a Youth work training certificate* and a European Ministry trip.

* With option to get a diploma for an extra fee of £300. But this will require more study, training and youth work.

Background

Abingdon Community Church (ACC) have a full-time youth worker delivering youth work in secondary schools, Prayer Spaces and Church based youth sessions. ACC also work in partnership with Thrive in supporting youth work and developing young leaders within the South Abingdon Area. King's Church Didcot, has a part-time youth worker delivering youth work in secondary schools, a Friday night youth club and church based youth sessions. Both workers have qualified through Centre for Youth Ministry and have experience in working in the variety of settings. Wantage Community Church have Sunday morning sessions but are looking to develop their provision outside of this context. The Internship will primarily be supporting the youth work delivered above and study for the youth work qualification.

OpenGate Churches

OpenGate churches is a network of churches with a shared passion for seeing the goodness of God impact people's lives for the better. Oxfordshire Community Churches grew to a point where it needed to multiply, and OpenGate is one of the three groups which have resulted for more info on the network see www.opengatecc.net

Desired goals for the year

- To grow deeper in their faith and relationship with God
- To grow in their experience of doing youth work
- To get a Qualification* in Youth work

*The qualification is a Level 3 Award and Certificate endorsed by the National Youth Agency for Youth Support Worker status. Award units cover theory of youth work, safeguarding, young people's development and communicating and engaging with young people. Certificate units cover group work, challenging behaviour, faith and community values and reflective practice.

Teaching takes place over 6-8 Saturdays in Bristol through the year (see below timetable) and some learning and study will take place within your time with OpenGate as well as private study, for more info see <http://cym.ac.uk/2015/07/16/equip-youth-work>

The diploma is a further option for study but this will require an additional £350, two extra training days, more youth work hours and extra private study.

Timetable

Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday	Part-time Job	Part-time Job	
Tuesday	Abingdon Schools Work	CU and Gardening Club	
Wednesday	Team Meeting, planning and Study	Schools Work Didcot, Mentoring and small group work	Regional Cell group for Yr 11 – Yr 13
Thursday	Part – time Job	Part – time Job	
Friday	Part – time Job	Part – time Job	Youth Clubs in Didcot and Wantage
Saturday	Training on 6 Saturdays throughout the year.	Training	
Sunday	Church work in Abingdon, Didcot and Wantage	Free time	
Other Projects in the year that affect weekly timetable	1) Prayer space weeks/schools outreach week	2) Ministry trip to Europe	3) “That Youth thing” Residential

Cost

£750 training

£400 Expenses, inc travel to Bristol and travel around county

£350 Trip to Europe

Total £1500

Requirements

- Applicants must be over the age of 18.
- Applicants who apply are to have a heart for working with young people and learning about ministry within and outside the church.
- To have an active Christian faith and agree to Salt and Light core commitments.
- An enhanced DBS Check will be required.
- Passport required for mission trip to Europe.
- A driving licence and car is preferable but not a requirement.

Practical details

- The days set for training and regular ministry are not negotiable, a part-time job must fit around these set days.
- Ministry trip will take place potentially in the Autumn of 2018 or summer 2019. It will be either a long weekend or week and more information will be available once you start the year.
- Accommodation – we may be able to help you find local accommodation with a church family, although you do not have to live locally (South Oxfordshire) to be an intern. Discussions on this can take place during the Introductory and Interview Day on Wed 11th July 2018.
- Deadline for Applications are Midnight Saturday 30th June 2018.
- Start date week beginning 3rd Sept 2018. End date 27th July 2019 tbc.