

**Community Engagement Practitioner, Leeds Young Carers Support Service**

**Based in Leeds**

**21 hours per week (part-time)**

**Grade 2 (lower) point 11-15: £20,375 - £23,038 FTE (£11,564.18 - £13,075.62 per annum)**

**Permanent Contract**

**Are you a self-starter with excellent communication skills? Do you want to be part of an award-winning organisation that makes a difference? If so, Family Action has an exciting opportunity and would love to hear from you.**

At Family Action, we transform lives by providing practical, emotional and financial support to those who are experiencing poverty, disadvantage and social isolation. We have been building stronger families since 1869 and today we work with more than 60,000 families in over 150 community-based services, as well as supporting thousands more through national programmes and grants.

We are looking for a motivated and confident communicator to join our small team at Leeds Young Carers Support Service. Family Action are contracted to deliver this service across the city of Leeds. There are three main elements to the service: information and advice; targeted support and awareness raising. As Community Engagement Practitioner, you will support us to make a positive difference to the lives of young carers by supporting awareness raising across the city.

**Your impact**

You will support our goal of improving the identification of and support available for young carers in Leeds. You will deliver practice development sessions (virtually and in-person) to a wide variety of external services including schools, NHS Trusts, Social Care teams and Youth Services, to raise awareness of the early identification of young carers and of the City's Early Help offer. You will coordinate the roll-out of a charter programme, We Are Young Carers Friendly Programme, which will upskill staff from schools and wider services to identify and support young carers in their settings. You will be involved in the recruitment, training and supervision of volunteers. You will also work with young carers to facilitate their engagement and involvement in our service's development.

**Your skills**

You will enjoy partnership working and will have experience and skills in developing and facilitating practice development workshops and training with professionals. You will have knowledge of how to engage young carers in co-production and involvement with our service development. You will be able to effectively plan and prioritise your varied and interesting workload and be a confident user of IT. You will be a good team player as well as someone who can work on their own initiative.

We are committed to Equality, Diversity & Inclusion in all that we do and welcome applications from all sections of the community. We particularly welcome applications from Black, Asian and minority ethnic candidates, LGBTQIA+ candidates and candidates with disabilities because we are committed to increasing the representation of these groups at Family Action. We know that greater diversity will lead to even greater results for families and children and strive for our workforce to be truly representative of the diverse communities we support. We offer a guaranteed interview scheme for disabled applicants and will reimburse your travel cost if you attend an interview.

### What will we offer you?

We'll offer you flexible working hours, a generous pension scheme and leave entitlements, eye care vouchers, a cycle to work scheme and other great benefits. We have an excellent wellbeing offer and we will invest in your professional development with on-going quality training and career development opportunities. You'll join an established, supportive and high-performing service and have the opportunity to thrive in an innovative organisation that values your opinion, encourages learning and has the needs of children and families at its core.

We are forward looking, ambitious and committed to continuous improvement. We are a **people focused, can-do** organisation, which strives for **excellence** in all we do and operates with **mutual respect**. If you share these values and behaviours and have the necessary skills then we look forward to hearing from you.

**For an application pack and further information please visit:**

[www.family-action.org.uk/get-involved/work-us/current-vacancies/](http://www.family-action.org.uk/get-involved/work-us/current-vacancies/)

**Please email completed applications to:** [completed.application20@family-action.org.uk](mailto:completed.application20@family-action.org.uk)

**Closing Date:** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 17:00

**Interview Date:** Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Appointments are subject to Family Action receiving a satisfactory disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service.

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