

# Youth Worker - Disley Baptist Church (DBC)



## Job Description

The role will start with support for Basement Youth Club at DBC which is a weekly open youth club. The person will work with DBC and our local partners and lead us in opening up new initiatives and ways of working offering expertise, ideas, enthusiasm and leadership as we provide more for the needs of young people locally and reach them for Jesus. The person will be able to enthuse and train the existing and new volunteers to enable Basement Youth Club to continue into the future and be more relevant to the current generation as we reach them for Jesus.

## Responsibilities

To lead a team of experienced and new volunteers in developing the youth work run by DBC.

To work with other churches in Disley to develop their work with children and youth.

To work in Disley Primary School and appropriate high schools.

To develop new initiatives to reach young people in Disley for Jesus.

## Tasks

### Core tasks

1) With the existing volunteer leadership team to run Basement Youth Club which in the school year 2024/5 offers an open youth club:

Wednesdays in term time (Cheshire East): 6.15 to 7.15pm for Year 7; 7.30 to 8.30pm for Year 8 and Year 9 in separate groups upstairs and downstairs when number of leaders permits; 8.30 to 9.30pm for Year 10.

The timing and breakdown of groups varies each year, the current Year 10 say they want to continue in 2025/6 which will mean changes.

The “year” starts with a BBQ in the late Summer term for Year 6 about to leave Disley Primary School to introduce them to Basement.

The Youth Worker will plan, lead and deliver activities within this open youth club environment that result in:

- More young people who start with Basement at the start of Year 7 remaining engaged through the whole school year and subsequently;
- Allow the young people to develop deeper relationships with each other and for adult volunteers to mentor and support the well-being of the young people, to allow increasing consideration of spirituality, spiritual growth and faith in Jesus;
- Introduce the Christian faith in an engaging and culturally relevant way.

2) Develop a new group from the Basement Youth Club to further explore spiritual issues and to discover Jesus and to build their faith, starting from where they are now. This group can take any form that suits the young people led by the youth worker and should include young people met through any other contacts in Disley, not just Basement. It can be at any time that suits the young people so long as sufficient volunteers are available.

3) Further enthuse existing and new volunteers so we are better equipped to lead and deliver activities for the young people in the future.

4) To give young people from Disley a realistic opportunity to attend a Christian camp/holiday at some time in the year and to encourage a number to attend so growing our Christian community. This includes

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selecting an appropriate camp, sending out invitations in a timely manner and making arrangements so young people can attend regardless of financial circumstance as well as attending the camp with other volunteers in a leadership capacity.

5) To attend DBC Sunday morning service several times in the year to get to know the church members and be become a part of the church community.

6) To meet with a mentor from DBC regularly to obtain support and discuss progress.

## Desirable tasks

1) To work in Disley Primary School and appropriate high schools alongside other churches and organisations who are already working in the schools to provide activities that allow the children to explore spirituality and learn about the Christian faith. Being a good ambassador for DBC and the other churches in these schools.

2) If there are sufficient volunteers available to run a holiday club or other activity outside term time to provide a continuing link to the young people and support for the young people during holiday periods.

3) To identify and having discussed with the leadership of DBC to develop any new initiatives that will further our mission to build disciples among young people in Disley.

## Location

All groups can take place at DBC both in the Basement and back yard area and in the upstairs Sanctuary and kitchen area. Groups run by other churches may take place at the Community Centre or School or other venues in Disley.

## Hours

15 hours weekly annualised

- Term time (Cheshire East) 7 hrs weekly related to Basement Youth Club including preparation and planning and reflection (core hours 6 to 10pm Wednesdays)
- Term time (Cheshire East) one other evening or Saturday morning group 2 hours week
- With St Mary's assist with Thursday after school Lighthouse Family Church 2 hours weekly
- Develop school club in Disley Primary School (JAM club existed weekly lunch times before Covid) 2 hours weekly

*13 hours scheduled weekly term time only* - remaining weekly hours intended for further developing the youth work – the person needs to be a self-starter looking for opportunities and willing to liaise with other organisations.

## Christian Ethos

It is genuine occupational requirement that the youth worker subscribes to [Ethos of DBC/Christians in Schools Trust].