**Schools Work Coordinator** 

**Job Description**

**Outline of the role:**

To develop schools-based ministry across London Borough of Harrow and to work in partnership with local churches, children and youth workers to achieve this.

**Background**

**Re:generation** (Harrow Churches Schools Link Trust) is an evangelical Christian ministry dedicated to reaching the 95% of children in the London Borough of Harrow who have no other contact with the Christian faith. The Borough has 46 primary schools and 12 secondary schools, many of which are open to the activities which Re:generation can offer.

The position is open to any who are a practising Christian and agree with our statement of faith

Our staff work as a team with the support and supervision of the trustees. As well as paid workers we have volunteers who support our schools’ work. The role requires the successful candidate to liaise with schools, church leaders, fellow workers and volunteers to coordinate, encourage and develop this ministry.

**Main responsibilities:**

**1. Schools Work**

* To develop a programme of Christian work in schools through clubs, Prayer Spaces, roadshows, It`s Your Move, assemblies and RE lessons.
* To help run school clubs in partnership with a colleague or local volunteers.
* To set up and organise Prayer Spaces in selected schools.
* To plan, resource and deliver roadshows at Christmas and Easter.
* To support children as they prepare to leave for and arrive at secondary school through the “It’s Your Move” programme.
* To take assemblies and support the RE curriculum.

**2. Mobilising, Training and Partnering with Others**

Those seeking to learn about the Christian faith can best achieve this by being in contact with Christians and so Re:Generation seeks to involve local churches as much as possible in schools’ work. The Schools’ Work Coordinator can also help local churches develop programmes that support and nurture children outside of school.

The Schools Work Co-ordinator as part of the local team involved in regular activities will also prioritise:

* Taking a lead in building and maintaining strong relationships with local Church leaders, to envision them for children`s ministry.
* Taking a lead in developing relationships with local Christians, challenging and equipping them to become involved as volunteers in this vital outreach.
* Equipping volunteers to be effective in aspects of children`s ministry by providing appropriate training, support and relevant resources.
* Taking a lead in building a team of partners who will support the ministry of Re:generation through prayer and finance. This will include visiting supporting churches and providing updates on Re:generation ministry; also envisioning new churches with the challenge of reaching the 95%.

**3. Support Raising** Re:generation works with local churches, individual Christians and Trusts to fund our staff. The Schools Work Coordinator will be in regular contact with our supporters and so is well placed to promote the work that is being done in schools and to encourage new, continued or additional giving.

**4. Personal Development**

The Schools Work Coordinator is expected to be committed to ongoing personal/professional development, working with their supervisor to identify appropriate ways of undertaking this.

**Person Profile**

As a visible leader in the Christian community the Schools Work Coordinator must be able to demonstrate the following:

* a desire to glorify God in all they do.
* an agreement with Re:generation’s statement of faith and a commitment to having their beliefs and behaviour continually shaped by the Word of God.
* an ongoing commitment to prayer.
* a dependence on the Holy Spirit to guide and equip them.
* an attitude of humble service to others, both Christian and non-Christian.
* a flexibility on secondary doctrinal and cultural issues.
* a commitment to the life of their local church.

The Schools Work Coordinator will also have experience that includes some or all the following:

* Secular paid work
* Theological /missiological training or a willingness to undertake this
* Teaching/ working with children
* Supervising, supporting and training others.
* Planning and organisation of events or a programme
* Working with and leading a team.
* A self-starter able to work in an unstructured environment.
* A person who can encourage and motivate others.
* Able to present ideas to others
* Good interpersonal skills, with an ability to understand and relate positively to a wide range of people.
* Empathy with secular bodies without compromising the gospel.
* Good administration and IT literate
* Committed to continuous professional development, particularly to developing their leadership skills.
* Deep interest in the issues and concerns around children`s growth and education, as well as their social and spiritual interests.
* Innovative and able to see opportunities and challenges.