**Upwell Garden Church Pioneer Forest Church Planter**

 **JOB DESCRIPTION**

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| **Job Title** |  **Upwell Garden Church Pioneer Forest Church Planter** |
| **Reports to** | TBD | **Location** |  Home based |
|  **District** |   East Anglia | **Salary** |  £15/hour |

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| **Job Purpose and Objectives** |
| Upwell Garden Church is an emerging Christian community rooted in the beautiful, historic grounds of Upwell Methodist Church – a site rich with spiritual heritage and local engagement. A small team has been building the vision of a new worshipping community which reaches people who wouldn’t normally think of coming to church and helps them find faith in Jesus. This work is part of the Methodist New Places for New People movement which is pioneering new ways of being church.Our vision is a new intergenerational Christian community, deeply connected with God in creation, which gathers people from Upwell and the surrounding Fens. |

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| **Responsible to:** | The Lay Employee will be employed by the Fens Circuit and will be line managed by: TBD |
| **Responsible for:** | Any allocated employees |

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| **Main Responsibilities** |
| **Role Summary**We are seeking a passionate and imaginative Pioneer Forest Church Planter to work with the team to lead and grow this unique outdoor expression of church.**Key Responsibilities*** Develop and nurture a new intergenerational Christian community rooted in the outdoor environment of Upwell Methodist Church Gardens.
* Build on existing relationships with Scouts, Girls Brigade, local schools, other community groups and community attendees from past events.
* Lead and facilitate gatherings in the garden with the Garden Church Team (monthly prayer meetings, Bible exploration, and eventually monthly Garden Church services).
* Depending on experience, design, develop and deliver regular Forest School sessions, or work towards necessary training/certification to do so.
* Collaborate with the Garden Church Team, Garden Church Oversight Committee and other project partners to discern and implement the evolving vision of Garden Church.
* Nurture positive relationships with Upwell Methodist Church and the Fens Circuit
* Oversee and ensure outstanding digital presence and outreach for Upwell Garden Church
* Contribute to and participate in the District’s New Places for New People (NPNP) community of practice.
* Help steward the space – working with volunteers to maintain and develop the garden
* Contribute to the exploration of entrepreneurial initiatives that may support long-term sustainability
* Ensure that all activities align with safeguarding, health & safety, and Methodist policies and values.
* Work creatively within set budgets and collaborate with fundraising for the vision
* Undertake training and courses when necessary for the role
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| **Terms and Conditions** |
| * Terms of appointment: Permanent depending on continuing funding, initially identified for 5 years
* The salary/rate of pay will be: £15,600 per annum
* Normal working pattern:20 hours per week
* All reasonable expenses will be reimbursed
* Annual leave: 5.6 weeks annual leave, inclusive of public holidays, each week consisting of 20 hours.
* Appointment will be subject to a satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) disclosure
* Appointment will be subject to satisfactory references.
* Please note this post does **not** offer accommodation
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| **Management** |
| The Employee will have a Line Manager whose responsibilities will be to:* Become familiar with the work of the Employee.
* Determine priorities for the work.
* Ensure good communications between all the ‘stakeholders’ (groups and networks) involved.
* Monitor and evaluate progress with the Employee on a regular basis
* Act as a “sounding board” to the Employee.

The Employee with also have regular supervision under the Methodist supervision policy. |