## **Job Description**



Job Title:	Service Area:	
EET Support Officer – SEND	SEND 0-25	
Directorate:	Post Number:	Evaluation Number:
Children and Young People Services		
		5810
Grade:	Date last updated:	
PO1	New post	

## **Purpose of Job**

To support young people with special educational needs into education, employment and training opportunities that help to achieve their ambitions and prepare them for adulthood. This includes contributing to annual reviews, providing wider casework support and working in partnership with settings, post 16 providers, employers, adult services and families to meet the young person's needs.

In your role, you will be working with cohorts of young people with SEND, in smaller groups and individuals.

#### **Job Context**

Reports to the EET Manager.

The post holder has no line management responsibility.

The post holder will have regular contact with the senior managers in delivering key corporate functions for the relevant services.

#### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

## A - Professional Standards

- 1. To build and maintain successful relationships with young people, carers, key workers, colleges, schools, specialist settings, adult services, businesses, training providers and social workers so as to promote the young person's development, progress and positive EET outcomes.
- 2. To plan and deliver interventions that will support young people's independence and build their life skills to support their independence working with multi-agency partners to understand their needs.

- 2. To demonstrate and promote the positive values, attitudes and behaviour expected from the young people at all times.
- 3. To work collaboratively with colleagues; both within the Local Authority and with partner agencies, social care teams and carers; and carry out your role effectively, knowing when to seek help and advice.
- 4. To promote high aspirations for children within their families, settings and communities
- 4. To liaise sensitively and effectively with the EET team, carers, recognising their roles in young people's learning.
- 5. To improve your own practice, including through training, observation, evaluation and discussion with colleagues.
- 6. To build the capacity of SEND case officer, school staff and wider professionals to have informed discussions with young people and families about EET opportunities
- 7. Working with schools, settings and business to identify work experience opportunities and to establish a work experience pathway that enables young people and parent to understand the purpose of the experience
- 8. To train and support employers and settings through the provision of disability awareness training and provide a named contact for employers.
- 9. To promote opportunities for employers to use their levy, social corporate responsibilities and grant funding to support the needs of Newham young people.
- 10. To work with DWP and Our Newham Money to support young people and families with benefits to maximise employment outcomes and wellbeing.

Key tasks and accountabilities are intended to be a guide to the range and level of work expected of the post holder. This is not an exhaustive list of all tasks that may fall to the post holder and employees will be expected to carry out such other reasonable duties which may be required from time to time.

- To attend annual review meetings and child in need meetings, supporting employment and educational outcomes, advocating for the children and young person.
- 2. To work with the virtual schools, Our Newham Works and other councils services to ensure resources are used effectively and we do not duplicate, including agreeing who will be the key worker for a young person who is missing education or known to social care.
- 3. To work closely with parents and carers to support enabling activities for young people that will support their independence

- 4. To run promotional events for young people, families and settings about the opportunities available to them.
- 5. B The following activities should take place under the direction and supervision of the EET Manager
- 6. Contribute effectively to progression planning and review for young people, contributing towards annual review reports
- 7. To design and maintain a system for tracking young people with SEND not in education, training or employment and lead on casework to support these young people.
- 8. To take a person centred approach, responding to the needs of children and families and tailoring support
- 9. To work with the business intelligence and performance team, inclusive economy and SEND service to develop robust tracking mechanisms to support young people's educational outcomes
- 10.2. Hold a caseload of young people allocated by the EET manager; attending all relevant meetings; supporting weekly workshops and implementing packages of additional support where necessary.
- 11.3. Take a key role in re-engaging young people to reignite their passion and future aspirations relating to employment.
- 12.4. Work within a framework set by the EET Manager and Advisors. Plan your role in the planning process, attend meetings and provide feedback to young people and the professional network on young people' progress and behaviour.
- 13.5. Contribute effectively to meeting the diversity of young people's needs and interests; recognising their strengths and areas for development in planning support that removes barriers to their achievements.
- 14.7. Support the EET team in evaluating young people's progress and outcomes by working with multi agency teams within CYPS
- 15.8. Monitor young people's participation and progress, providing feedback to partners.
- 16.9. Assist and take responsibility for managing data by gathering information, inputting data and producing reports, statistical information and analysis as required.
- 11. Communicate effectively and sensitively with young people to support their progress.

- 12. Work effectively with existing and new networks and link with Young people's Social Care, SEN, Health and school officers to ensure information sharing and good practice.
- 13. Where relevant, guide the work of other adults supporting the young person to progress.
- 14. Recognise and respond effectively to equal opportunities issues as they arise; including by challenging stereotypical views, and by challenging bullying or harassment, following relevant policies and procedures.
- 15. Carry out routine clerical tasks e.g. supporting weekly workshops, delivering training to Designated Teachers, social workers, Personal Advisors; supporting Celebration events and producing case studies.
- 16. Other appropriate duties relevant to the purpose of the post and within the grading and competency of the post holder, as reasonably required by the EET Manager.

### **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY**

The Council has a strong commitment to achieving equality of opportunity in both services to the community and the employment of people and expects all employees to understand and promote its policies in their work.

We are committed to and champion equality and diversity in all aspects of employment with the London Borough of Newham. All employees are expected to understand and promote our Equality and Diversity Policy in the course of their work.

#### PROTECTING OUR STAFF AND SERVICES

Adherence to Health and Safety requirements and proper risk management is required from all employees in so far as is relevant to their role. All employees are expected to understand and promote good Health and Safety practices and manage risks appropriately.

# **Personal Specification**



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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS**

The criteria listed in this Person Specification are all essential to the job. Where the Method of Assessment is stated to be the Application Form, your application needs to demonstrate clearly and concisely how you meet each of the criteria, even if other methods of assessment are also shown. If you do not address these criteria fully, or if we do not consider that you meet them, you will not be shortlisted. Please give specific examples wherever possible.

CRITERIA	METHOD OF ASSESSMENT
<ul> <li>KNOWLEDGE:</li> <li>Detailed knowledge of the SEND Reforms and Preparation for Adulthood</li> <li>To have a knowledge and awareness of the access to work programme and disability rights</li> </ul>	Application Form/Interview  Application Form/Interview
<ul> <li>Detailed knowledge and awareness of the SEND system and 16+ EET agenda and issues affecting care leavers.</li> <li>Specialist knowledge of the factors which contribute to poor outcomes for care leavers and strategies and solutions to address them in order to achieve sustained improvements in positive EET outcomes.</li> <li>Knowledge of and commitment to equal opportunities and anti-</li> </ul>	Interview Application Form/Interview/Test

discriminatory practice.	Interview
<ul> <li>Knowledge of Children Act 1989, Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000, the Children and Families Act 2014 and related guidance and current government policy initiatives relating to care leavers.</li> <li>Up to date and in depth understanding of welfare benefits and work, training &amp; education opportunities for young people post 16.</li> <li>Detailed knowledge of post 16 education options and progression to higher education</li> </ul>	Interview
QUALIFICATIONS:	
Good all round education to at	Application Form/Interview/Documentation
<ul> <li>least L3 or equivalent</li> <li>Relevant qualifications eg. Youth Work, teaching, social work</li> </ul>	Application Form/Interview/Documentation
EXPERIENCE:	
<ul> <li>Significant experience of direct work with disadvantaged young people aged 16+.</li> </ul>	Application Form/Interview
Experience of working in a multicultural, multiracial environment.	Application Form/Interview
Experience of effective advocacy	Application Form/Interview
<ul> <li>on behalf of young people.</li> <li>Experience of working in</li> </ul>	Application Form/Interview
partnership with other professionals and a range of statutory and voluntary agencies.  Experience of planning and recording own work and using IT systems and databases.	Application Form/Interview
SKILLS AND ABILITIES:	
Ability to carry out assessments, and to create and manage individual interpretation plane.	Application Form/Interview
individual intervention plans.	·

focus on solutions which work for the individual.  • Ability to communicate effectively on complex issues, both person to person and in writing, with young people, their carers, colleagues and statutory and voluntary agencies and build effective	Application Form/Interview
<ul> <li>professional relationships.</li> <li>Ability to redesign working procedures to meet changing priorities where necessary.</li> </ul>	Application Form/Interview
Ability to meet agreed     performance targets and     timescales and work effectively     under pressure within the     parameters of Council policy and     departmental procedures.	Application Form/Interview
<ul> <li>Ability to keep accurate case records and to write complex reports as required.</li> </ul>	Application Form/Interview
<ul> <li>Ability to organise and prioritise own workload independently and work effectively under pressure.</li> </ul>	Application Form/Interview
Ability to lead on the use IT systems to a level whereby the office can operate in a paperless	Application Form/Interview
<ul> <li>environment.</li> <li>Ability to think creatively and work on own initiative</li> </ul>	Application Form/Interview
<ul> <li>Willingness to learn new skills</li> <li>Ability to manage conflicting deadlines and work well under pressure</li> </ul>	Application Form/Interview
Ability to work effectively with service users professionally, sensitively and tactfully	Application Form/Interview
PERSONAL STYLE AND BEHAVIOUR:	
<ul> <li>Personal commitment to ensuring all children/young people are supported to achieve the best possible positive EET outcomes.</li> <li>Commitment to service delivery which is culturally appropriate and responsive to the needs of all users, including disadvantaged</li> </ul>	Application Form/Interview  Application Form/Interview
groups.	

<ul> <li>Energetic and proactive with an enthusiastic personality and the willingness to "go the extra mile in supporting young people".</li> <li>Good team worker</li> <li>Good leader by example</li> <li>Reliable and demonstrating high standards</li> </ul>	Application Form/Interview Application Form/Interview Application Form/Interview
OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:	
<ul> <li>Willingness and ability to work agreed evenings and weekends to maintain service delivery.</li> <li>Willingness to travel outside the borough where necessary in order to meet young people's needs.</li> <li>This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check.</li> </ul>	