



**Job Title:** Re-Fresh Youth Group Worker (initial 12 month contract with the possibility of extension)

**Accountable to:** Director of Client Services

**Reporting to:** Young People's Action Researcher

**Working Hours:** 20 hours per week (flexible working to meet needs of the role)

**Salary:** £11,472 pro rata

**Location:** Lancaster/South Cumbria

## **BACKGROUND**

After two years of action research with groups of young people who have been affected by cancer and bereavement, we are now aiming to expand and develop our current youth group provision across Lancaster, Kendal and Barrow. This expansion will enable us to run new Peer Support groups, offer school holiday activity sessions and continue with our action-based research into the issues these groups of young people face. Traditionally CancerCare has offered face-to-face therapy to young people aged 3-17yrs ranging from play therapy to person-centred counselling. The action research we have undertaken since 2018 identified a gap in our services for those young people who did not feel that one-to-one therapy was right for them. In light of this research, we set up a Peer Support group at our Lancaster centre and organised two pilot summer activity programs. Based on the success of these initiatives we are now in a position to employ a youth group worker to support this work across the Kendal and Barrow areas.

## **DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES**

The successful person will be an integral member of the CancerCare team, delivering sessions at venues, primarily in Lancaster and Barrow, to engage with existing and future clients/young people and to support the creation of new innovative and inclusive opportunities. Sessions are usually in evenings but will include summer holidays and weekends. Time will be built into monthly work patterns to evaluate the work and to co-create new work with colleagues and the young people. This evaluation forms the core substance of feedback that we use to shape and build on our services.

- Assist in facilitating and delivering activities to young people at CancerCare centres and outreach activity sessions.
- Develop positive relationships with young people via a range of activities.
- Signpost young people to other opportunities/support services
- Develop links with local schools and other community providers of youth services to raise awareness of our offer to children and young people and to increase our client base
- Support the conception, setting up and delivery of new groups based on consultation and evaluation with young people who use our services
- Risk assess activities and contribute to the overall health and safety of the sessions.
- Plan and evaluate work with colleagues and to contribute to reports for funders and the Cancer Care Board of Trustees.
- To report any concerns about the welfare or safety of young people using our safeguarding proce-



**The successful candidate must:**

- Be willing to apply themselves to a diverse range of activities
- Have experience of work with young people and a good understanding of current issues
- Be enthusiastic, motivated and committed to efficiency and effective working practices
- Be an integral team member and able to work on your own initiative

Appointment will be subject to a satisfactory DBS clearance and suitable references being received.

CancerCare is a dynamic organisation which recognises the need to respond flexibly to changing demands and circumstances. While this job outline provides a summary of the post, this may need to be adapted or adjusted to meet changing circumstances. Such changes would be commensurate with the grading of the post and would be subject to consultation.

All staff are required to conduct themselves in a professional manner and comply with the associations Policies and Procedures in relation to Data Protection, Information Security, Confidentiality and Child Protection & Safeguarding

**Please email completed application forms to [louise.andrews@cancercare.org.uk](mailto:louise.andrews@cancercare.org.uk). The closing date for applications is Monday 24 August at 5pm. Interviews will take place at the Lancaster centre on 3 & 4 of September.**