



Exploring Faith | Creating Friendships | Changing Lives

Muslim Youth Worker: Job Description

Background

The Feast commenced with our first Schools Worker in September 2009, and added a second in September 2010. Both are Christians and the new worker would be joining this existing team to enhance and compliment the work with our Muslim young people and stakeholders.

About the Job

The Feast is a Christian charity based in Birmingham to promote Community Cohesion between Christian and Muslim young people.

Young people today are growing up in a country surrounded by different faiths yet often lead separate lives. As a result Christian and Muslim young people can experience barriers of ignorance, fear and mistrust in their communities, which sometimes even progresses to hostility or conflict. The Feast is empowering young people to spearhead social change.

The Feast is all about...

- **Exploring faith:** young people are encouraged and equipped to discuss their faith in ways which draw out both the similarities and differences between them.
- **Creating friendships:** by bringing together young people in a positive and fun environment we provide the opportunities for them to get to know one another, work on projects together and build ongoing friendship built on trust and respect.
- **Changing lives:** having been to events run by The Feast the young people are challenged and enabled to live out the lessons they have learnt in their everyday lives amongst their friends, family and the wider community.

Our Vision is to see Christian and Muslim young people coming together to form real friendships that move them to be peace-makers amongst their peers and in the world.

Job Description

Following are the primary tasks required of the role:

- Working with The Feast staff to promote and lead both day events and residential activities between Christian and Muslim leaders and young people;
- Working with Mosques and the wider Muslim community to enthuse leaders and young people, especially focusing on boys and young men, about the The Feast and identify participants for encounters with Christians;
- Promote and support the Lad's Faith Adventure Weekend events;
- Promote and support sports programs for Christian and Muslim young people;
- Recruit and nurture Muslim volunteers;
- Promote the work of The Feast widely;
- Assist Schools Workers in strengthening links with key Muslim staff in schools;
- Nurture followup engagement with parents and families of Muslim students and leaders who attend events with The Feast;

- Write blogs and engage in social media as a Muslim youth leader in support of healthy Christian - Muslim relations;
- Participate in student leadership initiatives, providing an excellent role model for Muslim young people;
- Prepare and present programs for enrichment days, assemblies and one-off school programs;
- Promote opportunities for and oversee Muslim youth worker placements, interns or gap year students;

Management Structure

The worker will be employed by The Feast.

The worker will report to the Project Manager, who in turn reports to the Trustees of The Feast.

The worker will meet with the Project Manager and with the other staff members on a regular basis.

Person Specification

Essential	Desirable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Committed Muslim - Three years experience of work in schools or youth work or equivalent - Commitment to the aims and vision of The Feast - Ability to work with paid staff and volunteers - Ability to form appropriate relationships with young people of all backgrounds - Enthusiasm to work with staff and young people of different faiths and none - Ability to initiate and implement new ideas - Proficient in IT skills - Up to date knowledge of child protection practice - Ability to work with different sized groups of young people - Ability to move between formal and informal educational settings - Willingness to undertake professional development - Ability to plan, deliver and evaluate work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relevant academic qualifications. For example JNC qualified or qualified Teacher - Experience of working in a multi-faith environment - Experience of Christian-Muslim encounter - Ability to manage a budget - Clean driving license - Understanding of different cultures - Ability to present reports to relevant bodies including funders - Proven track-record of fundraising - Ability to relate to diverse people in formal and informal situations - Understanding of the Big Society Agenda and how it relates to schools and faith communities - Ability to monitor the take up and effectiveness of the work