



**Shevington Youth Club
and Community Centre**
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50th Anniversary Year – 1967-2017!

Required – two youth workers

Who's required – two workers, at least one female, to run a weekly session for young people in Shevington. At present the young people are aged 7 - 11 (years 3 - 6) and the club meets on Mondays from 5.15pm to 7.00pm. However, ideas for a different evening and a club for seniors could be considered.

History of the club – the club came into existence in the 1930's. In 1967 it moved into its present building, a substantial brick construction with a large sports hall, all funded by public donations, and built on the edge of an estate of council houses. About half of these are now privately owned and the rest belong to Wigan and Leigh Housing.

In the early days, the club was mainly for young people and was open six days a week. However as support from the local authority disappeared and volunteers became more difficult to recruit, meetings have reduced to once a week. A few years ago, there were senior and junior clubs. At the moment it is just for juniors. For the rest of the time the club is hired out to other users. A commercial gymnasium rents our annex.

Our post code puts the building in the 22%ile in the Index of Multiple Deprivation, but the general area of Shevington is above the 50% on the Index

Pay and conditions – The workers will be paid £35 for each full session. We regard the workers as self-employed and therefore responsible for their own tax and national insurance contributions. A session for the young people is from 5.15 – 7.00pm, but we would expect the workers to arrive by 5.00pm (to allow for setting up) and leave at 7.30pm (to allow for clearing up and recording the session). We pay monthly at the last session of the month. At the moment only Mondays are available for the meetings.

Who comes to the club? - About 25 children are registered with the club but attendance varies between 5 and 15 each week. At the moment there is a slight preponderance of boys.

What do we want you to do? – Our constitution says:- “The general aim of the Club shall be to foster the mental, physical and spiritual wellbeing of boys and girls resident in Shevington and district by providing facilities for their education and recreation.”

We want to provide a safe place for young people to socialise and engage in a range of activities and new opportunities that encourage a healthy lifestyle, promote positive behaviour, help develop relationships, learn new skills and support their social development.

There is scope for some fresh thinking here. You would be required to run club sessions that would be interesting and valuable for those who might attend. As far as possible the club should be open to all young people within the age range, although it would be possible to ban children, either temporarily or permanently, whose behaviour was not conducive to the general good. Usually there are just the two youth workers present with the young people.

Recent club sessions have been planned in groups of six, but that can be up for discussion. The opinion of the children is sought both in the planning of the sessions and in the review. There must be a separate record sheet for each session. It would be appreciated if the children could be taken on trips from time to time, but we appreciate the extra work that entails. The Club provides a float to pay for activities, but members pay £1 a session to attend.

The Club is a member of the Lancashire Association of Boy and Girls Clubs which provides many opportunities for indoor and outdoor activities. Our workers might wish to make use of what LABGC offers. For more information, see www.labgc.org.uk.

Qualifications – Some kind of appropriate professional qualification is required, such as youth work, teaching, nursing, social care, sports training, or, possibly, military or police experience, or similar. If a suitable application were to come from a couple, only one of whom was qualified, the other would be classed as a volunteer but would still be paid the same. The volunteer, however, would not be able to run a session without the qualified person. You would need to show that your qualifications and experience particularly suited you to work with young people.

Awareness of child protection issues and health and safety responsibilities are essential.

What next? – Almost certainly you will want to come and see the building and talk over ideas before writing your letter. Please get in contact with the secretary, John Whiteley, 01257 423342, or e-mail shevyco@blueyonder.co.uk, to arrange a meeting.

Application should be by letter or e-mail in the first instance; it will be necessary subsequently to fill in an application form and give the names of two referees.

We look forward to hearing from you.

John Whiteley