



Food Hub Lead (12 hrs pw) & Session Lead (6-12hrs pw)

Based Houghton-le-Spring (within our 'Space4 Hub' on Newbottle Street).

Salary £7,862.40 (£12.60 per hour) for 12 hours per week

(equivalent to £24,570 FTE based on 37.5 hour week)

One Year Fixed Term contract (with the aim of securing funding to extend contract)

20 days holiday (pro rata plus 8 statutory days holiday)

Pension with 'People's Pension' (3% employer contribution)

Application deadline: 3rd March (6 p.m.)

Interview date: 13th March

At Space4 we tell stories of hope!

Sometimes the stories that we hear from our communities can leave us feeling pretty hopeless: the cost-of-living crisis, the need for more foodbanks, the inability to heat our homes, the insurmountable challenges that people are facing and the need for 'sticking plaster' solutions to fix problems. At Space4 we want to tell a different story that is much more hopeful!

For the last ten years, we have run a community project in Houghton-le-Spring that is a real story of success. We seek to be alongside people from all backgrounds working with people to help them to address some of the issues they are facing in their day-to-day lives. We believe that everyone in our community is important and has something to offer, and that shapes the whole ethos of our project.

A great example of the kind of story we're able to tell relates to creatively working with people dealing with poverty. After the pandemic we were running one of the biggest foodbanks in the local area. We changed our foodbank into a community foodstore – we still support people who are struggling but in a dignified way and where they can choose what food they want. We're also involved in 'Community Organising' with like-minded organisations to build up our community while trying to address some of the root causes of poverty for local people.

As we move forward to the next chapter of our story, we are looking to appoint to two key posts. As **food hub lead** you will help us develop our hot food service within our Hub, offering Pay As You Feel/low cost meals to the local community as part our drop in sessions. The **session lead** role will run drop in sessions,

providing a warm, welcoming environment and offering support and a listening ear to those who need it. Our drop ins take place between the hours of 10-1 Monday-Friday.

If you like the sound of our story, we'd love you to tell us how your story could compliment our own. You will have a compassionate approach with people and will have an ability to be diplomatic when dealing with sensitive issues. You will have drive and energy and be able to work well as part of a team with a willingness to learn and develop.

If you want to be a part of our future story and to help us write the next chapter in a hopeful way, we'd love to hear from you.

For an application pack, more information or to arrange an informal chat with the team contact: Justine Merton-Scott on tel: 07900 861 638 or email: space4.mngr@gmail.com.

The closing date for applications is **Monday 3rd March (6pm)**

Interviews will be held on Thursday 13th March.

Our overall project aim is to be 'a space for community to flourish'. Our ethos leads us to try to make sure people feel valued and cherished as part of a community, believing everyone has something to contribute. We try to empower people to take control of their own lives and encourage people to be the best version of themselves they can be.

Space4 is the community project of St Michael and All Angels' Church Houghton-le-Spring. Space4 and St Michael and All Angels, Houghton-le-Spring are committed to equality and diversity and welcome applicants from all sections of the community. The successful candidate should have a positive attitude to Christian ethos and values.

This post is subject to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (Exceptions Order) 1975. It will be necessary for an enhanced disclosure to be made to the Disclosure and Barring Service for details of any previous criminal convictions.



The Space 4 project is part of the community work of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Michael & All Angels, Houghton-le-Spring, registered charity number 1135095.