

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Communications and Community Development Facilitator for the Maranatha Community

Background

The Maranatha Community has developed over the past 30 years as an interdenominational Christian movement, based in the UK but with members in many different countries.

The vision of the community is underpinned by 3 words: unity, renewal and healing, matched by 3 words which define our lifestyle: simplicity, poverty and urgency.

We are a praying, relational community with an orientation of listening and obedience to God. Our call has been described as equipping the saints, serving the Church.

The community is served by a small paid office staff in Flixton, Manchester; however the essential life and work of the community is governed by its members.

Current context

It has become clear that as the community grows internationally and across the generations there is now a need for development of our communications systems. This requires someone with a full time commitment to the task and will therefore be a paid position based within the Maranatha office.

Job overview

The development of communications systems within and beyond the Maranatha Community which will enable the growth and development of the community itself whilst spreading the vision and message of the community far and wide.

This position will require an understanding and sharing of the vision of the Community as the person appointed will be expected to participate in the heart of the Community's life and work. It will include attendance at Maranatha gatherings and involvement in working groups, in particular the 'Communications Team'. The successful applicant should have excellent interpersonal skills and a good working knowledge of communications media, including word-processing and graphics software, audiovisual recording, website design and management, and social media applications. The work will also include liaison with the media.

The post will involve an initial review of the current communications of the Community, ranging from interpersonal communication to the use of web-based communications, including a wide variety of social media. Following this the Facilitator will take a lead in developing and implementing a communications strategy for the Community.

As part of a small office team, the post holder will be expected to participate in general office duties as the need arises.

Location

The post will be based in the Maranatha Community office in Flixton, Manchester, but will also involve travel to a variety of locations, possibly including overseas.

Hours

Full time flexible working hours as part of the Maranatha office team. There will be some evening and weekend work required for attendance at Community gatherings and working groups.

Salary

£20,000 - £25,000 p.a. according to previous experience.

Person and Skill Specification

Essential

- Christian faith with some experience of active participation and involvement in the local church; a commitment to sharing in the vision and core values of the Maranatha Community.
- Good interpersonal skills with experience of working as a member of a team to deliver positive outcomes.
- Ability to demonstrate strong IT skills with recent experience of modern applications.
- Strong communication abilities, both oral and written, including telephone, listening and presentation skills.
- Good organisational skills and an ability to deliver to agreed deadlines.

Desirable

- Previous involvement in a Christian community or organisation.
- Recent experience of leading a working group or team within a Christian context.
- A working knowledge of Microsoft Office, Adobe Photoshop, Dreamweaver, InDesign. Understanding of HTML and familiarity with Social Media.
- Experience of presentation tools such as PowerPoint and audio-visual recording and editing.
- Evidence of recent responsibility for delivering an outcome against a tight deadline.

Closing date for applications: Friday 24th April 2015.

Applications with CV should be submitted in writing to:

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For more information about the Maranatha Community see: www.maranathacommunity.org.uk