

## **Methodist Chaplaincy House**

### **Christian Community Intern Role Description**

- Do you want to deepen your faith by serving others after graduating?
- Would you enjoy living in central London in a vibrant international student community?
- If you have recent experience of student life, are outgoing and friendly, and are not afraid of new challenges, why not join our team at West London Mission (WLM) as our Christian Community intern.

If so you could be the person we are looking for!

#### **Our Context**

The West London Mission has this exciting role available at Methodist Chaplaincy House (MCH) - a student hostel in the heart of Kings Cross, for a Christian Community Intern who is able to give a year of their time to our work.

#### **West London Mission and Kings Cross Methodist Church:**

The West London Mission (WLM) is a Circuit of the Methodist Church. With the West London Mission there are two city-centre churches at Kings Cross and Hinde Street in Marylebone. The circuit also has three Circuit Mission Projects. These include:

- A residential student community at Methodist chaplaincy House (MCH), located on the premises of Kings cross Methodist Church. The house comprises of 26 students of multiple ethnicities and faiths in a community with a Christian ethos.
- Work with students.
- Six Professional Social Work Services

Both churches' engage in worship, learning and caring, service and evangelism in ways that reflect Methodist tradition and their distinctive identity, history and context. Our work with students and the most marginalized is an expression of our historic roots and the current convictions of Hinde Street and Kings Cross churches.

#### **What are the aims of recruiting people to this role?**

- To increase the Christian presence at Methodist Chaplaincy House.
- To encourage the community of students to participate in the life of the church.
- To help integrate and connect the different parts of the circuit by active engagement in the life of the churches and in professional social work.
- To offer an opportunity to work in the Circuit's professional Social Work Projects and in the voluntary social work undertaken by the churches.
- To provide an opportunity for you to grow in experience and responsibility.



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### **What are the main duties and responsibilities?**

- To live at Methodist Chaplaincy House.
- To deepen the life of the community through Christian presence within the student house, and through systematic engagement with the community through appropriate regular activities.
- To engage in the life and mission of the churches through worship on Sunday, one of the Winter Night Shelters and in Wednesday or Friday clubs during the week.
- To encourage students to connect with the life and worship of the Church.
- To volunteer with the West London Professional Social Work Ministries for 2 or 3 days a week (depending on your other activities).
- To engage in reflection on the experience, in order to mature in faith and develop your experience in social work practice and church mission activities.

### **What kind of person are we looking for?**

We are looking for a person with the following list of knowledge, skills and experience:

- Current involvement in the life of a Christian church or community (that is a member or associate member of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland <http://www.churches-together.net/>)
- Willingness to understand and engage with Methodism and be subject to its discipline.
- The ability to share the Christian faith sensitively and effectively, and present a strong Christian example.
- Evidence of prior involvement and active engagement in the mission of the Church where you are a member now.
- Preferably have education at post graduate level. Studies in relation to Social Work or theology will be an advantage.
- Good written and verbal communication skills.
- Ability to communicate effectively with a variety of people in different situations.
- Ability to work as part of a team and under the leadership of others.
- Honest, reliable and flexible.

### **How will you be managed and supported?**

- You will be under the Supervision of the Minister/Warden based at Kings Cross who will develop a programme of work with you in consultation with the ministers at Hinde Street and Kings Cross and the Executive Director of Social Work.
- You will be a member of the Methodist Chaplaincy House Management Committee.
- The manager of the Social Work service in which you volunteer will support, monitor and evaluate your work in that area.

### **What are the other terms and conditions of this role?**

- You will be housed at Methodist Chaplaincy House opposite Kings Cross St Pancras Station for a period of one year, starting date 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017.
- Free accommodation at Methodist Chaplaincy House in a fully furnished single room with communal bathroom facilities, free internet connection, electricity and heating, with the use of a fully equipped communal kitchen, TV lounge and bed linen
- One day off per week, one weekend off per month, and 5 weeks holiday plus bank holidays
- Living expenses £100.00 per week
- Travel expenses incurred in the course of your work

**Please note that this post is not paid employment. You will sign a volunteer and resident contract.**