



Safeguarding and Child Protection Coordinator Job Advert

Do you feel strongly about every child's right to play and education?

Are you experienced in developing and implementing safeguarding policies?

Could you support a team of volunteers in a challenging context to deliver play sessions for children and families on the move?

LOCATION: Calais, France

CONTRACT LENGTH: 10 months (1 month probation) - rolling after 10 months

REMUNERATION: €168 per week, accommodation included.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Join our hard-working grassroots team in providing play and education sessions for children on the move in northern France. You will be part of a team of 4 coordinators and 3 - 8 volunteers, who are collectively responsible for planning, preparing and delivering play sessions in a highly changeable context.

You will uphold the highest levels of safeguarding and child protection within our organisation and support other teams to do the same. This will involve working within France's child protection framework and Project Play's network to respond to safeguarding and child protection concerns as they arise.

Other responsibilities include facilitating training for volunteers, developing the organisation's policies and procedures (including risk assessments and evacuation



procedures), maintaining case files, building professional relationships with other organisations working on the ground, representing our organisation at meetings, overseeing general logistics, vehicle and house maintenance and mediating conversations to support team welfare.

ABOUT YOU

You are:

- Passionate about every child's right to access the power of play
- A team player who values collaboration and communication
- Flexible and confident in a changeable environment
- Able to support yourself and remain calm in challenging situations
- Reflective and open-minded - we are always on a journey to better and improve our service
- Able to manage an administrative workload alongside the delivery of our sessions
- Empathetic and good at supporting others

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

You must:

- Be over the age of 21
- Be able to procure a valid criminal record check
- Be able to commit to a minimum of 10 months
- Have the right to volunteer in France or be able to obtain a visa
- Have experience working with children in a paid or voluntary capacity
- Have experience in team leadership and/or project management
- Have an understanding and awareness of our working context in northern France, specifically migration and European border policy



- Have a background in social work, education, community support, psychology or another related field
- Have a working understanding of child protection and safeguarding practice
- Able to cover your day-to-day costs outside of accommodation. The role is remunerated at a fixed rate of €168 per week to support this, but the organisation cannot cover travel to and from France or other expenses

Desirable:

- Bilingual (Kurdish / Arabic / Farsi/ French)
- Experience in developing and implementing Safeguarding policies
- An understanding of trauma-informed practices, and the impact of trauma and toxic stress on childhood development
- A valid driving licence and willingness to drive the Project Play van
- Experience working or volunteering in a similar context

ABOUT US

Project Play is a grassroots organisation facilitating structured play sessions for children who are living in informal living sites and accommodation centres across Calais, Grande-Synthe and the surrounding regions. We run sessions six days a week and are looking for a project coordinator to play a vital role in the day-to-day implementation of our service.

In the absence of any such provision from the state, we deliver play and informal education activities for children on the move. We are a friendly, hardworking team who aim to uphold the organisation's principles of collaboration, communication, honesty and mutual respect. Creating a supportive and collaborative team dynamic is vital for our work.

Our sessions are designed to facilitate safe spaces in which children coming through northern France can exercise agency, nurture key developmental skills, build resilience and have fun. Through offering play-based psychosocial support, our



team works to assist children and their families to minimise the impacts of toxic stress, trauma and ongoing adversity.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for the role of Safeguarding and Child Protection Coordinator at Project Play, please email us at coordinatorrecruitment@project-play.org. We will then get back to you with more information on our work, the context and the position.

We hope to hear from you soon!