



SU Scotland

## Outdoor and Youth Ministry Developer

Recruitment Pack  
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Are you interested in reaching out to the children and young people of Scotland? Are you passionate about sharing your faith with young people? Here is an amazing opportunity to be creative and original in developing ministry in Ayrshire and at Gowanbank.

Our shared vision at SU Scotland is to see the children and young people of Scotland explore the Bible and respond to the significance of Jesus. In addition to our work in schools and SU Holidays, we have three residential centres, out of which Gowanbank is the newest. We have delivered school residentials for over 25 years under the brand name of Classroom Outdoors, creating a learning experience in the outdoors that complements everyday learning in the classroom.

Covid-19 has dramatically changed the landscape in which we are able to do ministry. We believe we are at a unique time in history and this role will be key in helping us be creative to develop ministry as we recover from Covid-19, safeguarding the future of our centre, and ministry in Ayrshire.

This role offers an opportunity to work alongside regional staff in Ayrshire to help develop online ministry, and in-person ministry such as day camps, and schools work & residentials when restrictions allow. You will get to work in partnership with the Ayrshire Regional Worker and GAP year student to enable us to develop opportunities to encourage children and young people of Ayrshire to explore the Gospel and respond to the significance of Jesus.

We hope you enjoy reading through the enclosed recruitment pack and if you have further questions about the role prior to applying, feel free to get in touch in confidence.

Meantime, be assured of our prayers for you and others giving serious consideration to whether this could be the right thing for you.

# About SU Scotland

Scripture Union Scotland is part of the worldwide family of Scripture Union movements that began in the nineteenth century and now operate in over 130 countries across the world.

We are a Christian charity working in partnership with local churches and other sympathetic organisations. More than 2,000 volunteers are involved in helping to run our ministry, together with around 100 staff and associate workers.

- Our SU **Holidays and weekends** are the place to be for high energy activities, music, crafts, friends, fun, camping and a whole lot more
- Our **residential centres** are places of adventure, escape, discovery and hope, hosting thousands of school pupils on residential breaks each year
- We work in **schools** - throughout the academic year, SU workers and volunteers contribute to the curriculum in many of Scotland's schools
- Our **discipleship** programme helps young people to grow, learn, explore and develop leadership skills
- We partner with **churches** across Scotland, helping them realise their vision for mission and evangelism
- We seek to **prioritise the disadvantaged** in all that we do.



# Our vision and values

Our vision is to see the children and young people of Scotland exploring the Bible and responding to the significance of Jesus.

Everything we do is governed by two core values: dependence on God and deepening relationships.

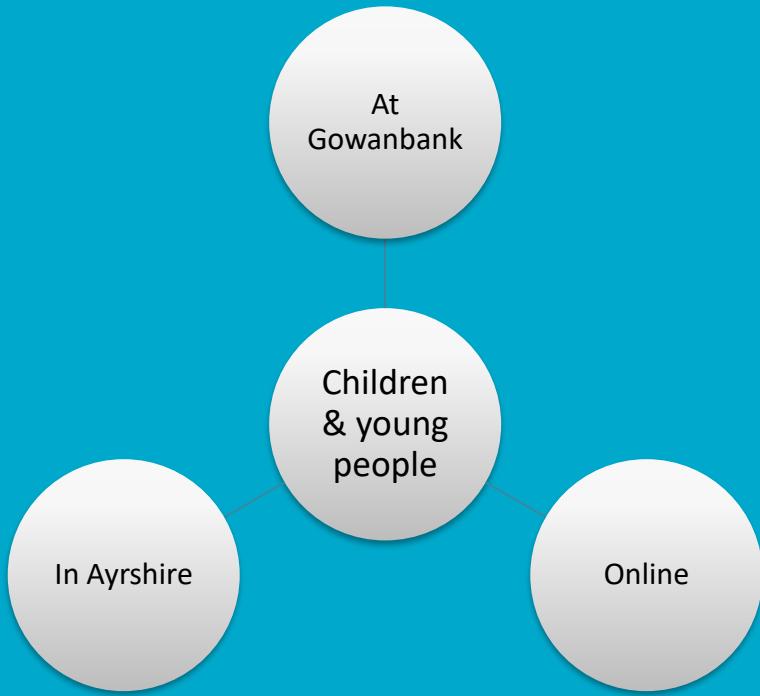
We love to see children and young people:

- **Feeling valued and accepted in every encounter with SU Scotland** - being able to express their views, engage with others, and grow in confidence as they recognise and develop their abilities.
- **Exploring the key stories and events from the Bible**, reading and studying the Bible on their own and with others, and growing in their understanding of God and what it means to follow him.
- **Having opportunities to learn about Jesus**, making the decision to follow Jesus, and having the confidence to reflect this in their choices, attitudes and actions.



# Key aspects of the role

- ✓ Deliver outdoor learning days at Gowanbank for Schools, youth groups and SU holidays
- ✓ Engage in developing online & face to face ministry within Ayrshire
- ✓ Developing creative ways to support user groups to do ministry during our COVID recovery in Ayrshire



# Job overview

<b>Job Title:</b>	<b>Outdoor and Youth Ministry Developer, Ayrshire</b>
<b>Salary:</b>	£23,211 - £24,777 per annum, plus generous employer pension contributions
<b>Location:</b>	Gowanbank House, Darvel, KA17 0LL
<b>Contract:</b>	Full-time (split between Gowanbank and SU Ayrshire), 9 month fixed term contract (potential for job share or part time) 1 <sup>st</sup> April – 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2021
<b>Managed by:</b>	Centre Manager, Gowanbank
<b>Job purpose:</b>	

We are Christians, passionate about helping the children and young people of Scotland to explore the Bible and respond to the significance of Jesus. All our work is shaped by our God given vision and values. We are committed to developing Christians who are equipped to use their God given gifts to serve in enabling us to realise SU Scotland's aims.

There have been opportunities to do ministry in the last few months and this role will be vital to SU Ayrshire and Gowanbank to continue to work with Children and young people in a safe and dynamic way during COVID pandemic and as we look towards recovery.

The purpose of this role is to create, improve and increase opportunities for us to work towards our vision in Ayrshire and at Gowanbank by

- Delivering more and better activity days to Schools and Youth groups with Christian content
- Developing online ministry in Ayrshire
- By being creative and supporting the local teams to explore opportunities to work towards our vision within the complex context of COVID

# Tasks and responsibilities

## Key relationships:

**External:** Service users (pupils, teachers, etc.), service providers (Councils, freelancers, etc.), other users (church leaders, youth workers, etc.)

**Internal:** Gowanbank Staff Team, National Ministries Team, Local Volunteers, Associate Workers, GAP year team and Lendrick Muir & Alltnacriche Schools Managers, SU Holidays, Volunteers department.

## Spiritual Leadership

- As a valued member of staff, to be involved in the delivery of Classroom Outdoors at Gowanbank and, as a practising Christian, to demonstrate commitment to the SU Scotland ethos, modelling Christian lifestyle, values and work practices to staff and volunteers alike.
- Full participation in the life and ministry of SU Scotland will include:
  - Involvement in staff prayer meetings
  - Involvement at the annual staff residential conference and other staff days
  - Participation in major events both internally and externally, representing the organisation as required.

## To participate fully in the life and ministry of SU Ayrshire & Gowanbank including:

As an important team player you will take an active interest in supporting all areas of the ministry at Gowanbank, this will include:

- Attending and taking a share in leading staff morning prayer/Bible study
- Deputising for the Centre Manager and Ayrshire regional worker as and when required
- Complementing the small staff team in developing a culture of positive teamwork along with working to meet all operational requirements
- Welcoming guests and being the primary contact with them during their stay
- Attending and being involved in the Ayrshire Action Group and prayer meetings

# Tasks and responsibilities

## **Deliver and develop outdoor learning programmes at Centre**

You will be responsible to deliver and develop an attractive and meaningful programme of outdoor learning that

- Provides an opportunity for us to work within our values and towards the vision of SU Scotland in maximising the resources & delivering a programme that suits the visiting groups
- Understands the Curriculum for Excellence and embraces the values of the schools and think creatively to apply it to meet our goals
- Enables working with the pupils during their visit, builds and maintains relationship and trust with the visiting leaders & teachers in ensuring best practice is carried out during their stay
- Is professional, motivating and inspiring the small team of staff, volunteers and freelancers

## **Engage in Ayrshire Regional online ministry**

You will be responsible for developing online ministry in Ayrshire by

- Working with volunteers to start an online Connect Bible Study Group for Secondary 1-6 pupils
- Seeking the potential for developing an online event for Secondary 1-2 pupils called 'Spotlight' in the West of Scotland

## **Supporting other areas of the ministry**

You will explore opportunities to do ministry as they arise by

- Helping with school's ministry and building links for Ayrshire & Gowansbank
- Being part of the Day Camps / Residential weekends (restrictions allowing) planning team for both primary and secondary pupils
- Helping with planning and preparation of joint Gowansbank / Ayrshire events – prayer days, Action Group meetings & fundraisers

# Tasks and responsibilities

## Play your part in support raising for SU Scotland

- promote SU Scotland's work and help encourage more prayer support
- be aware of volunteering opportunities and promote these as appropriate
- grow personal support and promote the opportunity for partnership through financial giving. Your line manager and the support development team will work with you to define what is appropriate and agree a plan with you

## Occupational Requirement

An Occupational Requirement applies in terms of the Equality Act (part 1, schedule 9). This post requires the occupant to have a personal faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord and to believe the Bible to be fully trustworthy, in all that it affirms, and the highest authority for faith and life in keeping with SU Scotland's statement of faith. These principles require to be applied alongside the professional skills required in this role.

Appointment will be subject to a satisfactory PVG Scheme Disclosure and references.

# What are we looking for?

CRITERIA	NEEDED	IDEAL
<b>Knowledge &amp; Experience</b>		
Experience in developing young people within one of these areas: Teaching, Outdoor Learning or Youthwork	✓	
Computer literate with the ability to host online events	✓	
Previous roles may have included responsibility for operational delivery in a customer-focused environment		✓
Understanding of Scottish educational context including Curriculum for Excellence and Outdoor Learning		✓
<b>Education</b>		
Degree-level qualification		✓
Further qualifications in a relevant area, for example outdoor education, youthwork, teaching, etc.		✓
<b>Social</b>		
A practising Christian whose lifestyle is in keeping with SU Scotland's ethos and statement of faith. Must enjoy the confidence of their church	✓	
Able to establish rapport with customers and potential customers and communicating well to offer the best service we can for them	✓	
Passionate about seeing children and young people develop in a residential setting	✓	
<b>Aptitude</b>		
A Christian with spiritual maturity and passionate about exploring the Bible and sharing your faith with people of all ages	✓	
Demonstrates the capacity to represent the ministry and the wider organisation professionally to key stakeholders	✓	
Able to create and write meaningful and vibrant lesson plans and outdoor session plans	✓	
Builds consensus and wins support for ideas, who can inspire rather than require performance of those around them	✓	
Works well under pressure, including crisis situations and makes valuable contributions	✓	
Envisioning change and having an appetite for progress and making a difference	✓	
Evidence of strong personal commitment to continuous personal development and to championing the ongoing development of colleagues	✓	
Conscientious, resourceful, reliable with high levels of initiative	✓	
<b>Other</b>		
Own transport and a full current driving licence		✓
Able to undertake evening and weekend duties		✓
Able to demonstrate good understanding of SU Scotland	✓	
Living within proximity of the site would be an advantage		✓

# Terms and conditions

## HOURS

The post is full time, working 37.5 hours per week, subject to seasonal variation in accordance with the fulfilment of your responsibilities and by agreement with your line manager. May require evening and weekend working. This is a fixed term post from 1<sup>st</sup> of April to 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2021. Part time and job share options can be explored.

## PROBATIONARY PERIOD

The first three months of your employment will be probationary. Your performance will be reviewed throughout this period. If your performance is satisfactory at the end of this period, your appointment will be confirmed. The employer reserves the right to extend your probationary period.

## TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT

During the probationary period the notice required to be given either by you or Scripture Union Scotland to terminate your employment is one week.

Except during the probationary period, the length of notice which you are obliged to give the company to terminate your employment is three months.

Except during the probationary period, the length of notice which you are entitled to receive from the employer to terminate your employment is four weeks until you have been continuously employed for five years. Thereafter, you will be entitled to one week's notice for each completed year of service up to a maximum of twelve weeks.

Your employment may be terminated summarily in the event of a breach of contract by you that warrants summary dismissal.

## SALARY

£23,211 - £24,777 (dependent on experience) per annum.

You will be paid in arrears on a monthly basis, on or before the 28<sup>th</sup> of each month.

## PENSION ARRANGEMENTS

SU Scotland operates a Group Personal Pension Scheme for employees over 18 and under 75 years of age. An employer's contribution of between 5% and 9% of total pensionable salary will be paid (the actual amount depending on your level of employee's contribution.)

## LIFE INSURANCE COVER

Life insurance cover of three times your annual salary is provided, with the premium being paid for by SU Scotland.

## ACCOMMODATION

Please note that staff accommodation is not provided for this role.

## HOLIDAYS

The holiday year runs from 1 April to 31 March. Annual leave entitlement for a full-time post is 33 days paid holiday (this amount is inclusive of entitlement to local and national holidays). Annual leave entitlement for part-time and fixed term staff is pro-rata. Annual leave entitlement will increase with length of service.

## Possible next steps...

- If you feel this role is something that God may be calling you to apply for:
  - feel free to contact Colin Campbell for an informal, confidential discussion about the role – email [Gowanbank@suscotland.org.uk](mailto:Gowanbank@suscotland.org.uk) or call 01560 323370
  - [Download your application and equal opps form](#) (Word docs) from our website
  - Email your completed forms to [hr@suscotland.org.uk](mailto:hr@suscotland.org.uk)
- If this is not for you, feel free to forward this pack on to someone else who you think may be well suited to applying.

**Thanks for your interest!**

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