

Part-Time 'Food Insecurity Support Worker' Job Description

Transforming Plymouth Together (TPT) is seeking to recruit a **part-time Food Insecurity Support Worker** to develop our new and existing food support projects. The focus of this role is to assist churches and community groups to understand the causes of food insecurity and where possible to encourage their involvement with projects which reduce insecurity and prevent household hunger. This will include encouraging and enabling churches to run 'Feast of Fun' events, support churches and community groups to set up food clubs and helping churches to grow existing food larders and pantries. The successful candidate will be part of the Plymouth Food Aid Network, attend city food support meetings and share relevant information and data to the churches across the city. This is an exciting and varied role with lots of in-person and relational contact. TPT is a Christian organisation and, whilst this role does not require the post holder to share this faith, it is essential that the successful applicant be sympathetic to the Christian values, beliefs, and ethos of TPT.

Transforming Plymouth Together (TPT)

Transforming Plymouth Together is a joint venture between Church Urban Fund and the Diocese of Exeter. Since April 2016 TPT has been working in Plymouth, with the support of churches in the city, as a direct church response to the 2014 Plymouth Fairness Commission Report. TPT aims to address issues relating to poverty and inequality through informal community work as well as more formal local development initiatives. TPT offers a distinctive Christian response and facilitates transformative projects through collaboration with churches, faith groups, the voluntary sector, statutory bodies and businesses.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Facilitate churches and community organisations to deliver TPT projects
- Encourage new churches and community groups to begin or expand projects providing food support
- Visit churches and community groups to discuss ongoing TPT projects (some occasional speaking at events may be required)
- Promote and communicate TPT projects across the wider community
- Record and monitor projects progress in line with funders requirements
- Prepare and share project update reports with the TPT Team and Trustees, funders, and stakeholders

Essential Skills & Experience

- A general understanding of food insecurity and the causes leading to it
- Experience of communicating and networking with people from a wide range of backgrounds
- Ability to work well within a team and also work independently
- A sensitive and respectful attitude towards the diversity of employees, volunteers, charities and organisations who work with TPT
- Passionate about tackling inequality and poverty in Plymouth
- Numerate, literate and proficient in standard office IT software. A high level of attention to detail is also required.
- Excellent time management and ability to prioritise tasks

Desirable Skills and Experience

- Experience of working within the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector
- Good local knowledge

Responsible to:	Strategic Lead Officer & TPT Board of Trustees
Hours:	Part Time – 21 hours per week
Location:	Primarily office based with some local travel required. Flexible working offered
Annual Salary:	£22,500 FTE
Holiday Entitlement:	*25 days plus public holidays (*Pro rata)
Benefits:	Organisation pension 7.5% and pre-authorized work-related expenses
Project length:	24 months from date of employment
Probation Period:	There is a 3-month probationary period associated with this role