**Job Title: Sports Church Pioneer**

**Location of job: St Ives Methodist Church, Cambridgeshire.**

**Job Type:** Fultime

**Contract Type:** Fixed Term from 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022

**Hours:** 35 hours per week

**Salary:** £17290 per annum

**Closing Date: 26th July 2021**

**About the Role [Role and responsibilities]**

This is a new role which offers exciting opportunities in the development and leadership of a new Sports Project in which the postholder would be an integral part. This pioneering initiative is aimed at reaching out into the community and making new disciples. The role will include opportunities to:

* Discern the vision and direction of the project, recruiting volunteers, designing promotional and branding material.
* Take an active role in the development and delivery of “fan zone” events within a café style environment plus faith “squad training” Bible Study events and a targeted “physio room” wellbeing programme on the issues facing young people.
* Develop a youth focused weekly event within the project containing both faith based and wellbeing objectives.
* Deliver and lead “have a go” events for young people and families.
* Engage and develop partnerships with interested stakeholders
* Participate in the Methodist Connexional Leadership Training associated with this role

**About You**

Are you:

* Able to think strategically and creatively, and work as part of a team.
* Motivated and passionate about youth work and sport.
* Able to establish positive and productive relationships with young people and adults.
* A committed Christian who is active in their own church and who has a passion to see new people come to faith in Jesus.

**Key requirements (qualifications and skills)**

* Have previous experience of working in youth initiatives within a school, church or community context.
* Have an awareness and understanding of the needs and issues that affect young people today.
* Good communication, organisational and time management skills.
* Be able to think stragically and creatively as part of a team.
* Motivated and passionate about youth work and sport.
* A relevant qualification in youth / community work / mission / ministry studies at either Certificate, Diploma or Degree Level OR a recognised sports or coaching qualification e.g. an affiliated sports body coaching course / community sports leader.

In return, we offer an exceptional pension scheme, generous annual leave entitlement (plus an extra 3 days’ leave granted over Christmas/New Year), TOIL, Flexi-leave and an on-site Wellbeing Adviser

An enhanced DBS disclosure will be required for this role, the cost of which will be incurred by the Methodist Church.

For an informal discussion with a member of the team please contact

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**Interviews will be held St Ives Methodist Church *11th – 13th August 2021***