



Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (competitive salary plus benefits)

Our progressive charity is looking for a highly motivated and committed SENCO for a new full time, permanent role within our education team. You will be passionate about your job and have a genuine desire to help vulnerable children and young people facing a wide range of challenges so they may be afforded the best possible start in life as they grow into young adults.

About the charity

Diagrama Foundation is a charity dedicated to supporting children, families and adults at risk of social exclusion. Our aim is to prevent people from becoming socially excluded and to reintegrate those that have by undertaking research into best practice and, based on this, developing programmes and centres to achieve this. We have a range of services in the UK including adoption, fostering, therapeutic support, education and residential services for young people and for adults with learning disabilities.

About the service

Our education service, Europeace Youth, is an effective and growing alternative education provider, specialising in offering educational and therapeutic support to vulnerable young people and their families. Europeace Youth operates out of a large community centre in the London Borough of Ealing. It currently operates with 4 FTE staff - one Provision manager/Practitioner, one Lead Group & Family Practitioner and a Lead LA/school liaison Practitioner.

We have a long-standing relationship with the local authority and receive referrals for students between Key Stages 2-4 that they may find difficulty in placing in main-stream education. We also receive referrals for students from local schools, who are in danger of being excluded. Our students attend on a P/T or nearly F/T basis and follow a bespoke academic and therapeutic curriculum.

The aim of the service is to ensure that students progress academically, emotionally and socially, enabling them either to return to main-stream education or be able to advance in the future to a more appropriate educational placement. The staff team are committed, trained and supervised to a highly innovative methodology, which has proved very effective over years of service delivery. As the service is the only one in the borough that provides academic, therapeutic and family support, it is well placed to respond to the growing number of students demonstrating complex needs. With the support of the local authority the intention is to grow the provision and register for independent school status.

About the role

We need a SENCO to help provide a positive learning environment for the young people we work with, supporting them with academic, emotional and family interventions so they will have every opportunity to realise their potential as they grow into young adults. You may be a qualified teacher looking for a new challenge or already have experience in a SENCO role.

Your responsibilities will include:

- Taking a strategic overview of the curriculum design and implementation
- Participating in support designed to ensure pupils with special educational needs (SEN) achieve success
- Ensuring the needs of all pupils with SEN are met and that they are supported to make good progress
- Advising and supporting class teachers, learning support assistants and mentors, enabling them to offer high quality provision to SEN pupils/Social Emotional Behavioural Difficulties(SEBD) pupils
- Co-ordinating the provision's responsibilities during the statutory assessment process, with a view to ensuring that pupils with a high level of need obtain an educational statement
- Advising and supporting the parents of pupils on the SEN Register



What we offer

We offer a friendly place to work with great opportunities to use your skills and knowledge to make a real difference to the lives of the young people we work with. We offer a competitive salary and benefits package which includes healthcare, company pension scheme and graduated sick pay scheme.

A comprehensive job description and person specification can be downloaded from our website (www.diagramafoundation.org.uk).

Alternatively, application packs can be obtained by contacting hr@diagrama.org