**Job description**

Introductory Description:

The purpose of the job is to get to know as many people as possible, men and women, young and old, involved in the marching band scene, and to help them explore a relationship with God, and what that might mean. One of the ways to help them take a step in that direction would be to encourage them to attend FBC every Wednesday evening, in St. Jude’s @ 8pm.

Overall Structure:

The position of Evangelist/Pastor to the Band World is supported by MPDA Muckamore Parish Development Association, which would be the employer, which in turn answers to the Rector (Rev. William Orr) and Select Vestry of St Jude’s Church of Ireland, Muckamore. The successful applicant would be line managed by the Rector of St Jude’s, who is also the present Band Master. There are four bands in Antrim Town and as many as 300 across the province.

Flute Band Church:

FBC, for short currently has 12 flutes, and four drummers. They enjoy being asked to play at Men’s Nights in particular, especially when organized by band/loyal orders. They also play, when invited, to church services and other special occasions. The success of the applicant would be measured against how the applicant is received by the bands themselves, and if they could manage to double regular numbers willing to come and help out at FBC on a Wednesday night and when invited out for concerts etc.

Breakdown of Job Description.

* To visit local band practices and further afield to get alongside the members by friendship and support
* Make contact with as many bandmasters as possible trying to set up meetings to share the work of FBC, at their Band Practices.
* Encourage bandsmen to attend FBC on a Wednesday evening and to support FBC when they do concerts and church parades
* Attend band parades to get to know as many people from the band world as possible, and to promote FBC
* Under God to see men and women come to know Jesus through friendship and a willingness to engage with members of this culture.
* Organize oneoff events where the people you meet can meet other bands people and be encouraged to take a step closer to Jesus

Hours

* 10-12 hours a week @ £10/hour (No travelling Expenses)
* Three mid-week evenings (One Wednesday when FBC meets) and one weekend evening.
* Job open for just nine months of the year. Feb - end of Oct

Essential Criteria:

* Applicant has a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
* Applicant has a passion for reaching the band world
* Applicant has grace and wisdom to not be "preachy" rather fun, engaging and people are drawn to them.
* Applicant to demonstrate the gift of evangelism, and has personal experience of seeing men come to Christ.
* Applicant can communicate the Gospel in a relevant and wise way that draws people's imagination rather than being put off.
* Applicant has been in a band or is in a band and so they understand the draw of the band world
* Applicant has a teachable spirit and is willing to learn.
* Applicant has practical experience of most aspects of funding and is able to fill in funding applications for the work of FBC and possibly to help other bands access funding.
* Applicant is a member of one of the four main Protestant Denominations, Church of Ireland, Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist.

Desirable Criteria

* Lives within a reasonable distance of Antrim/Belfast
* Has the use of a car
* Can play the flute and/or drum.

On request:

* Applicant must be able to produce two written accounts of their suitability to the post one by;
* Their own minister.
* Other Senior Church Leader.

This job is a pilot scheme, and if successful, it is hoped that it will develop into a longer term opportunity. At present the successful applicant would have an initial 2 months trial period and if successful would continue for the duration of the funding, a further 7 months. It is hoped that the job would continue if future funding can be secured.

The job is sponsored by Muckamore Parish Development Association (MPDA) which in turn is a sub group of St Jude’s Church of Ireland Parish in Muckamore.

To ask for A full job description and application form, please contact Rev. William Orr, 07850156942 or by email william-orr@sky.com