**ADDITIONAL SUPPORT NEEDS WORKER JOB DESCRIPTION**

**POST: Part Time Additional Support Needs Worker (Sessional)**

**RESPONSIBLE TO :** **Youth Development Worker**

**PURPOSE OF JOB**

To meet the additional support needs of specific young people attending Canongate Youth’s weekly City Music Café.

**MAJOR TASKS/JOB ACTIVITIES**

* To promote, encourage and support the full participation of young people with additional support needs
* To support and encourage the development of positive peer relationships between these young people and other young people attending the City Music Cafe
* To work as part of a team providing a safe, secure and stimulating environment for young people with additional support needs and other young people attending the City Music Cafe
* To undertake all appropriate duties as requested by the Lead Worker.
* To contribute towards the monitoring and evaluation of the City Music Cafe.
* To carry out all tasks in adherence with CY policies e.g. Health & Safety, Child Protection, Confidentiality etc.
* To participate in relevant training opportunities

**DECISIONS MADE IN COURSE OF JOB**

Decisions taken will include those related to the following:

* Under all circumstances, all decisions made will be in full accordance with the best interests of additionally supported young people
* Operational decisions in relation to the health and safety of additionally supported young people
* Operational decisions in alignment with CY policies

**SUPERVISION RECEIVED**

This post holder works as part of a team of sessional workers. The post holder will be supported by the Youth Music Development Worker and Youth Work Organiser. Supervision will be provided by the Youth Development Worker

**CONTACTS**

Contacts may include:

* Children and young people
* Parents and carers
* Other sessional staff
* Volunteers
* Partner agencies or their representatives
* Social Workers/Support workers

**EDUCATIONAL/VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED**

No formal qualifications are required. However, workers must be able to complete basic training associated with the post and be able to engage effectively with additionally supported young people and young people generally.

**EXPERIENCE REQUIRED**

The post holder should have an understanding of the barriers and obstacles to participation affecting young people with additional support needs. Direct working experience in this regard would be a distinct advantage. Previous youth work experience would also be an advantage. An interest in and knowledge of music would be beneficial.

**COMPLEXITY**

The post will involve working with young people who present a variety of additional support needs. While the post holder will be expected to operate within the parameters of CY’s policies and procedures at all times, there will also be a need for creative, solution focussed thinking and problem solving.