



**Christian Outlook On Lochalsh
Church Liaison Worker**

Job Description

JOB TITLE: COOL Church Liaison Worker (15 hours per week)

RESPONSIBLE TO: COOL Youth and Schools Worker

CONTRACT TERM: Fixed term: 2 years

PURPOSE: Working alongside the COOL Youth and Schools Worker, the COOL Church Liaison Worker will seek to develop the spiritual and church support for COOL within the Christian community.

OVERVIEW

The COOL area covers the Lochalsh and Wester Ross area from Applecross in the north to Glenelg in the south including the towns of Kyle, Plockton and Lochcarron, and also takes in Strath and Sleat on south Skye. Members of the local churches in this area came to a jointly held view that the appointment of a Christian youth worker would provide much needed social and spiritual development for young people in the area. The Christian Outlook On Lochalsh Trust (COOL), an interdenominational project, was formed in March 2001 and have employed full time youth workers since November 2001.

The aims of COOL are to benefit all the young people in a very rural area, to promote, encourage and advance a programme of Christian youth work in an attempt to offer recreational opportunities and support the social and spiritual development of young people attending Plockton High School and local primary schools.

MAIN TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. *Developing Prayer Support*

- Communication of prayer information
- Arranging joint prayer gatherings
- Work towards developing local prayer gatherings specifically for COOL

2. *Church Liaison*

Representing COOL to churches through:

- Meeting with church leaders
- Developing the role of church ambassadors
- Seeking opportunities to share within church meetings
- Collating and distributing relevant resources and local information to churches and groups
- Providing feedback to COOL from local churches

3. *Communication with Supporters*

- Collate information for, and produce, the COOL newsletters
- Communicate in relevant ways with supporters

4. Other responsibilities

- Liaise directly with the Youth and Schools Worker
- Attend Management Committee meetings
- Organise COOL joint services
- Identify youth work opportunities and potential volunteers

This list should be read as indicative because, as a Trust, we envisage the person God calls will bring their own vision in line with their own experience and abilities.

It should be noted that due to the nature of the post, it will be required for the person to work some evenings and Sundays, particularly, but not exclusively, in the context of church services.

OCCUPATIONAL REQUIREMENT

An Occupational Requirement applies in terms of the Equality Act (part 1, schedule 9).

This post requires the occupant to have a personal faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord and to believe the Bible to be fully trustworthy in all that it affirms, and the highest authority for faith and life in keeping with SU Scotland's statement of faith. These principles require to be applied alongside the professional skills required in this role.

Appointment will be subject to a satisfactory PVG Scheme Disclosure.

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The work of COOL is overseen by a group of Trustees with the day to day running of the project delegated to a Management Committee, with members drawn from a range of churches across the COOL area.

COOL is fully funded by individuals and local church congregations and is administered by volunteer support. Churches and individuals support the work of COOL in prayer, and some joint prayer meetings are also arranged to pray for young people. It is recognised that some functions of the role will require input from the Youth and Schools Worker. Support will also be given by the COOL Management Committee.

COOL is one of around twelve Trusts associated with SU Scotland providing a team of colleagues for mutual encouragement and support. The COOL Youth and Schools Worker will provide day to day line management on behalf of the Management Committee. The legal employer is Christian Outlook On Lochalsh through its Trustees, but COOL enjoys many benefits from being an SU Scotland Associate Trust.

Christian Outlook on Lochalsh is registered in Scotland as a charity (SC031455) and also as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation.