



## Support Worker (The Jolly Soap Opera Mob) About the Role

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Thank you for your interest in the role of Support Worker with The Jolly Soap Opera Mob, our social club for young adults with additional needs.

The Orrell Trust is committed to working to improve our local community to make it a better place to live. Our aims are to support vulnerable and isolated people to develop projects to engage children, young people, and families. We work to encourage community cohesion and engagement by delivering projects that appeal to a wide sector of our community.

The main areas of focus for our work are:

- Supporting socially isolated older people.
- Supporting children, young people, and families.
- Supporting young adults with additional needs.
- Promoting community cohesion.

The Orrell Trust is well established in Bootle and has been running a variety of projects and activities out of our modern and well-equipped base at St John & St James Church and Community Centre since 2015. The Jolly Soap Opera Mob is our social group for young adults (aged 18 – 30) with additional needs. This popular group meets weekly on Monday evenings with a varied and diverse programme of activities.

### Key Details

**Job Title:** Support Worker (The Jolly Soap Opera Mob)

**Location:** St John & St James Church and Community Centre, 71 Bailey Drive, Bootle L20 6EX.

**Hours of Work:** 3 hours per week to be worked on Monday evenings.

**Pay:** £12.60 per hour (pay review pending)

**Contact:** 1 year fixed term with the possibility of extension subject to funding.

**Reporting to:** CEO

The Orrell Trust is committed to the safeguarding of children and of adults with care and support needs and ensuring their wellbeing. We exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of all those who will work with children or with adults with care and support needs.

This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

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Completed applications should be forwarded to: [manager@theorrelltrust.co.uk](mailto:manager@theorrelltrust.co.uk)

or by post to: Matt Jeziorski, The Orrell Trust, St John & St James Church and Community Centre, 71 Bailey Drive, Bootle L20 6EX



## Support Worker (The Jolly Soap Opera Mob) Job Description and Person Specification

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### Job Description

#### Overall purpose of the role

To work alongside the lead worker and volunteers in delivering Jolly Soap Opera Mob activities and supporting the participation of club members in those activities.

#### Key activities and responsibilities

- To support the delivery of club activities.
- To support the club members to enable their full participation in the club.
- To contribute to the development of group activities, projects, and educational experiences.
- To ensure club members feel safe and well cared for and that personal care needs are met.
- To work with club members to ensure club activities meet their needs and aspirations.
- To support the club members in developing their abilities, reaching their potential, and moving towards independent living.
- To liaise with parents and carers regarding the development of the club.
- To be an advocate for the young adults and the work of The Orrell Trust.
- To support the setting up and setting down of the weekly sessions.
- To be aware of and work in line with all policies and procedures of The Orrell Trust.
- To attend training and professional development as required for the role.

### Person Specification

[E] indicates an essential requirement. [D] indicates a desirable requirement.

#### You:

- Have a positive attitude [E]
- Are reliable and self-motivated. [E]
- Are able to work as part of a team. [E]
- Are able to create a welcoming environment. [E]

#### Education, qualifications, and experience

- Experience of working with disabled young adults [D]
- Experience of leading activities that support young people towards independence. [D]
- Relevant qualification in youth work or health and social care. [D]

#### Knowledge, skills, and abilities

- Excellent communication skills [E]
- Knowledge of issues affecting disabled young adults and their carers. [D]
- A commitment to working as part of a team in a spirit of collaboration. [E]
- An understanding of safeguarding and the importance of maintaining appropriate professional boundaries. [E]
- An understanding of equality and diversity and the ability to challenge discriminatory behaviour. [E]
- An ability to deal with challenging behaviour with patience and empathy.