



## ***Six Ways Erdington Baptist Church Young People and Children's Worker***

### **Some background information**

We are an outward looking Baptist church seeking to share the good news about Jesus through serving the community of which we are very much part. In addition to our Sunday service at which, on average we have 120 people of diverse ages and backgrounds, our activities include:-

free ESOL lessons; Play and Stay Toddler Group; CAMEO club for active older people; Girls' Brigade; Nexus youth group; Erdington Foodbank; Place of Welcome weekly drop-in; a Job Club due to start in January 2019; and Super Study Space homework club.

All are completely open to people of all faith, cultural, ethnic backgrounds.

We also host a range of other organisations including Homestart, Narcotics Anonymous and the Aspire Trust; as well as working across the community through the Everyone Erdington grassroots movement and Churches Together in Erdington.

**We are seeking** to appoint a ***Young People and Children's Worker*** in order to continue and grow our work with young people and children across the community of Erdington.

This would be building on existing work which is delivered by volunteers. We have had an unpaid intern from September 2017, her work in this area has helped us to identify areas of need. The employment of a Young People and Children's Worker would enable us to continue this work which is making a real difference for children and young people in our community.



**The role** would be to:-

1. Coordinate and develop our growing homework help club, Super Study Space, aimed at supporting 4-14 year olds and their families. The session runs every Saturday 10.30-12.00 and is free. It began in Jan 2018 and we now have an average of 15 children attending each week, but this looks set to increase. We are very excited about it. Our experience so far has demonstrated that there is a widespread need and demand for such a service in an area such as Erdington.
2. Coordinate and develop Nexus, our mid-week youth group for young people aged 11-16 years. We currently have a spread of 8 young people attending, 2 of whom are now being mentored as young leaders. We are aware that there is very little youth provision in Erdington at present.

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