



Street Pastor Job Description

Volunteer title: Street Pastor
Report to: Coordinator and Team Leader

Purpose

To listen to, care for, and support the variety of people who will be encountered on the team's designated route, within the boundaries of street pastor roles and responsibilities.

Main responsibilities: Night-time

1. To prepare equipment and tools required for the evening shift
2. To work alongside the team leader and team in response to requests for help from police/door staff/CCTV
3. To offer personal, practical care to members of the public as the need arises
4. To be observant and look out for those that are vulnerable and respond alongside the Team Leader and Team
5. To record glass/bottle collection and resources that are given out over the shift
6. To observe Street Pastor principles, health and safety guidelines and to work within the guidance of the Team Leader
7. To be prayerfully aware of God's direction and share that with your team.
8. To cover for prayer pastors when needed

Main responsibilities: Youth & Communities

1. To prepare equipment and tools required for the shift
2. To work alongside the team leader and team in response to requests for help from police/school/CCTV/Coordinator
3. To offer personal, practical care to members of the public as the need arises
4. To listen, be observant and look out for children and members of the community that are vulnerable and respond accordingly.
5. To build links with schools and local community: children, parents, school crossing patrols, youths and others.
6. To contribute to the recording of data and incidents that occurs during the patrol.
7. To observe street pastor principles, the health and safety guidelines and to work only within the remit of the role of a street pastor for youth & communities.
8. To be prayerfully aware of God's direction and share that with your team.
9. Be willing to attend to other duties which might be requested by the school, police or council, for example, mentoring or attending special events.
10. To cover for prayer pastors when needed

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Person specification

You are a Christian over the age of 18 who regularly attends church and can supply a church leader reference from the last year of attendance.

You have good basic people skills. You have the ability to cope with a variety of people and behaviours. You have a strong sense of tact, respect and sensitivity to the variety of situations that will present themselves. You can cope with people who challenge your views on moral and social protocols.

You are happy to accept the mandate from street pastors that we listen, care and help everyone, without any agenda to spread the gospel or pray for people on the streets. Adopting an accepting and non-judgemental approach, you will demonstrate patience, tolerance and flexibility when relating to members of the public.

You are a good team player. You take responsibility for your part in making the team a success and you stay within the remit of the team. You can take direction from your team leader, supporting their decisions on the street, and contributing your ideas in a supportive/positive way. You will be supportive towards our partners, who may include the local police, door staff and school staff. You are physically fit, able to walk for the duration of each shift, and in all weathers.

	Essential	Desirable
Personal Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christian who agrees with the core values and unique ethos of the street pastor movement• Strong commitment to serving vulnerable people in the night time community• Ability to listen to, care for and help vulnerable people• Open-minded and non-judgemental attitude• Willingness to work within the Street Pastor principles• Physically fit enough to patrol on foot for 6 hours• Able to work in a team and take direction from team leader• Reliable and punctual• Cheerful and personable• Enhanced CRB clearance (we will apply for this on your behalf)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ability to cope with challenging or confrontational behaviour• Sense of humour• Able to use initiative• Aware of personal limitations and the need for support• Warm and encouraging (youth & communities)• Friendly and chatty (youth & communities)• Cheerful and responsible (youth & communities)• Confident
Experience/Skills/Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• People skills or pastoral experience• Basic organisational skills• Good observational skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First Aid skills• Listening skills• Comfortable using technical equipment such as voice recorders and mobile phones

Commitment

This is a volunteer post. **Night-time** street pastors commit to one duty per month and **Youth & Communities** street pastors commit to one duty per week at schools and one duty per month when working in the community. You will be able to attend three training events each year, plus refresher training when that's appropriate.

You will need to attend team meetings as appropriate to your area of work, e.g. those working with schools will need to meet at least once each term. We would also ask that you support team events and meetings.

We hope that all volunteers are able to continue as a street pastor for two years but welcome those who want to continue beyond that time, and understand that some are not able to commit to the full two years.

There are other opportunities to get involved, such as in our working groups for training or publicity. We also have requests for street pastors and prayer team to visit various groups to speak about the project.

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