

LEAD PLAYWORKER APPLICATION PACK



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WELCOME FROM OUR CEO

Somerville Youth & Play Adventure Playground is a unique and much-loved space at the heart of our community, a place where children and young people are free to explore, take risks, and imagine in ways that shape their confidence, creativity, and resilience. Adventure play is vital. At a time when safe, open, and challenging spaces for children are disappearing, adventure playgrounds like Somerville provide opportunities for young people to test boundaries, develop independence, and form friendships in an environment that supports their physical, emotional, and social growth.

We are looking for a passionate and committed Lead Play Worker to join our team, working alongside our dedicated staff, volunteers, Board and community partners to champion the value of adventure play and support the ongoing development of our playground and wider programmes. This is an exciting time to get involved. As we strengthen our vision and expand our offer, your expertise will help us ensure that Somerville continues to thrive as a place where every young person can play freely, safely, and adventurously.

We look forward to hearing from you.

**Kirsty Collander-Brown, CEO
Somerville Adventure Playground**



OUR HIRING POLICY

We are keen to hear from a diverse range of candidates from all backgrounds, drawing on different perspectives, experience and knowledge.

We are particularly keen to recruit relatable people to support our young people (this includes local, black and global majority and working-class people).

We will offer an interview to anyone who identifies as D/deaf or disabled and meets the essential criteria for this role.

If you'd like to have an informal conversation about the role before applying, or need the jobs pack in a different format, please get in touch.

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We believe in fair recruitment. We will ensure everyone who wants to be a part of The Somerville has the resources and confidence to apply. Feel free to contact us online, over the phone or in person if you need further assistance, or require the recruitment pack or application in a different format.

TERMS AND BENEFITS

Job title: Part-Time Lead Play Worker

Salary:
£32,000 pro rata

Hours:
22.5 hours per week

Contract:
One year fixed term

Location:
Somerville, 260 Queens Road, SE14 5JN



Leave: 28 days annual leave plus bank holidays prorata based on 22.5 hours

- **Some flexible working considered although face to face delivery hours are fixed.**
- **A warm, committed and values-driven team**
- **A genuinely brilliant organisation doing important work**

The Role

As Lead Play Worker, you will lead Somerville's adventure play provision, working directly with children and younger young people and helping protect everything that makes this place special: the freedom, the mess, the noise, the joy.

You will combine hands-on play work with session leadership, risk-benefit practice, family engagement, and support for sessional staff and volunteers. You will help us ensure the playground remains a genuinely adventurous, child-led space where children can explore, take positive risks, build confidence, and belong.



HOW TO APPLY

Full Job description here:

Lead Play Worker JD

Please complete this form

Lead Play Worker Online Application Form

by midnight on Monday 3rd August 2026

Timeline:

- **Application Deadline: by Midnight (BST) on Monday 3rd August 2026**
- **Interviews: Week of 10th August**
- **Offers and references: week of 17th August**
- **Start date: Immediately, notice period dependent**

