

# Job profile

Developing Together: Social Work Teaching Partnership Teaching Consultants

JOB TITLE	Teaching Consultant
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## About us

We have been awarded government funding to create a world class social work education community. The partnership is comprised of Achieving for Children, Croydon Adult's and Children's services, Kingston Adult's services, Merton Adult's and Children's services, Surrey Children's services, Sutton Adult's and Children's services, Richmond & Wandsworth Adult's services, Wandsworth Children's services, Kingston University, NSPCC and Welcare. For more information, please contact your Workforce Development Lead or Principal Social Worker or contact the Teaching Partnership Team at: <u>admin@developingtogetherswtp.org.uk</u>

You can also find out more about the Teaching Partnership on our website: <u>www.developingtogetherswtp.org.uk</u>

# About the role

We are looking for experienced registered social workers to work alongside Kingston University module leaders. Together they will co-develop, co-deliver and contribute to teaching within the social work programmes at Kingston University. There are a variety of opportunities to share your skills and knowledge such as lectures, seminars and small groups, skills workshops as well as involvement in recruitment to courses and the development of students' employability.

Teaching Consultants will have an appropriate number of their contracted hours protected by their employer to participate in student admissions, produce teaching materials, take part in direct teaching, contribute to research within their specialist field and further embed research in practice. The estimated time commitment to the role is 12 days per annum, based on the commitment of our existing group of Teaching Consultants, most of whom have been in post since late 2018/early 2019.

This is an exciting developmental opportunity to share your skills and knowledge, contribute to the workforce and develop your professional portfolio. We are looking for enthusiastic social workers who wish to join us in collaborative, innovative curriculum delivery. You will be provided with support and training in preparation for

this role and previous candidates have gone on to complete post qualifying modules to consolidate their learning. A number of existing Teaching Consultants have also successfully applied for <u>Associate Fellowship</u> with the Higher Education Academy.

Please note that you will be required to sign a contract each year, reaffirming your commitment to the role. This contract also outlines what you can expect from the University, your Employer and the Teaching Partnership in terms of support in the role.

## About you

The successful candidates will;

- have 3 years post-qualifying experience
- be working for one of the Partner organisations
- have experience in supporting and developing practice (ideally supporting learning, delivering workshops or facilitating action learning)
- be endorsed by their line manager, enabling release to the Partnership to carry out the role

## Job role requirements

Candidates should be able to demonstrate:

- Experience in enabling learning
- Up to date knowledge of contemporary social work practice
- An understanding of how to link theory to social work practice
- Strong social work ethics and values

We particularly welcome and will prioritise applications from candidates who have practice experience in one or more of the following areas of specialism:

- Child trafficking
- Mental health and substance misuse
- Cultural competence and critical analysis from a variety of perspectives including practitioners from diverse backgrounds
- Contextual safeguarding
- Working in organisations and multi-disciplinary working
- Youth offending/youth work
- Social Pedagogy

We also very much welcome applications from candidates who may have been unsuccessful previously.

Below are other indicative areas we require the Teaching Consultants to contribute towards:

- Report writing
- Communication and interviewing skills
- Direct work with children/adults
- Reflection and critical analysis
- Employability and preparation for ASYE
- Working with diversity and social injustice across different groups

- Range of practice experience covering the life cycle
- Child advocacy
- Domestic abuse
- Youth justice
- Social Work approaches and methods/models of intervention eg.
  Person-Centred Approach, Relationship-Based Practice, Motivational Interviewing, Crisis Intervention, Signs of Safety
- Practitioners' perspectives on the application of resilience and assertiveness

### How to apply

To apply, you will need to submit the following 3 documents to <u>admin@developingtogetherswtp.org.uk</u>:

- 1. A CV
- 2. A covering letter (up to 2 pages); and
- 3. A supporting statement from your line manager, confirming they are happy to release you to perform this role

We will not be able to consider any applications that are missing one or more of these elements.

Please be aware that these posts are only open to permanent employees working in an organisation that is part of this Teaching Partnership.

### Deadline for applications: 11:59pm Sunday 15th May.

#### Dates for interview, induction and training

Please take note of the following crucial dates for your diary. We are unable to accommodate interviews, induction or training on alternative dates. Regrettably, we cannot offer a position to any candidate who is unable to attend the induction and training sessions.

- Interviews will take place virtually on one of the following dates:
  - o 6th / 7th / 13th / 20th June
- 2 day Training will take place at Kingston Hill University Campus:
  28th and 29th July (10am-4pm)
- The Induction will take place at Kingston Hill University Campus:
  - 24th August (11am-3pm)

We are also holding a virtual 'Open Day' for those interested in the role who would like to find out more about what's involved and hear from some of our existing Teaching Consultants. This will take place on 20th April on Microsoft Teams between 10am and 12pm. Please email us at <u>admin@developingtogetherswtp.org.uk</u> if you are interested in attending and you will be sent the link to join.