



Part-time Area Networker

We are currently recruiting for 4 part-time roles of Networkers to be based around the county of Oxfordshire. They will work alongside the CEO who will support them in their roles. The successful candidates will continue to pioneer the work enabling churches to run prayer and reflection spaces regularly in the life of their local schools and wider community. The right people will have:

- the ability and confidence to communicate effectively with a wide range of people including church leaders, head teachers etc
- relevant experience of working with children and young people
- enthusiasm to see local churches work together, building strong relationships with the community around them and have good networking skills to help facilitate that process
- administrative skills to coordinate events and calendars and contribute to the effective running of prayer space delivery
- enthusiasm to share with people about Christian prayer

There is an Occupational Requirement that the post-holder, who will be required to represent BeSpace to schools and volunteers, should do so from the perspective of a shared Christian faith.

For further details please e-mail kirsty@bespace.be

About BeSpace

BeSpace is an Oxford-based Christian Charity that is passionate about seeing every child, young person and adult connect with God in their daily lives. We believe that creative, reflective prayer spaces can help do this. To see our vision realised we equip churches to serve the ongoing spiritual life of their local communities through prayer and reflection spaces.

Prayer and reflection spaces are usually week-long events that are hosted by members of local churches. They are presented from a Christian perspective and involve transforming a space with fabric and lighting and setting up activities which help people creatively reflect or pray about a particular topic. Of course, prayer and reflective spaces will look different and have a different emphasis, depending on the context.

To date we have seen over 500 prayer and reflection spaces in 150 different schools. This represents over a third of the schools in Oxfordshire. In the 2018-19 academic year we saw 100 Prayer and reflection spaces in schools happen. Our hope is to see the day when every school in Oxfordshire regularly has prayer and reflection spaces. Our vision for BeSpace has also expanded beyond schools and we have currently seen over 10 prayer spaces happen at community events.

Facilitating the development of positive, long-lasting relationships between churches and their local communities is central to what we do. This ensures that the project is not only sustainable but has the potential to grow.



Role Description

Note: The details of tasks given below are intended to be illustrative rather than exhaustive. The post-holder will be required to undertake other similar tasks in furtherance of the work of BeSpace.

Responsibilities

Developing prayer spaces in schools and the wider community

- Coordinating the delivery of prayer and reflection spaces in schools in an agreed local area
- Responding to prayer space requests and meeting with representatives from schools and/or churches to help them organise prayer and reflection spaces within their local area
- Model setting-up & hosting prayer and reflection spaces from a Christian perspective
- Supporting churches in recruiting volunteers
- Training local volunteers
- Supporting local churches in running prayer and reflection spaces in schools and the wider community
- Preparing Prayer space reports, detailing activities undertaken and impact, for the schools
- Preparing prayer space resources for upcoming prayer and reflection spaces and developing and producing new prayer and reflection space activities and themes

Administrative project support

- Contributing to vision/ fundraising events and strategies to build the profile of the charity
- Pioneer local fundraising and giving
- Completing prayer space administration to ensure smooth prayer space delivery and safe working practices
- Contributing to our website and social media to reflect BeSpace activity and increase public engagement
- Helping to organise and develop our stock of resources that are lent to churches to run prayer and reflection spaces

Maintaining and developing relationships with local churches:

- Meeting and communicating with church representatives to support and encourage them on an ongoing basis
- Running training events to equip and encourage church members to organise & run prayer spaces
- With support producing publicity/information to ensure supporters and donors are kept informed

Personal Profile and Specification

The successful candidate will:

- Be committed to the vision of BeSpace
- Motivated by a desire to share about Christian principles of prayer in schools, but be able to understand how to operate within sensitive boundaries between working for a Christian Organisation and working within secular schools
- Have the capacity to organise and lead prayer and reflection spaces (following 'on the job' training)
- Have the ability and confidence to communicate effectively with church leaders, head teachers and children alike
- Have some relevant experience in leading and managing relatively small groups of students aged between 5-18
- Have enthusiasm to see local churches build strong relationships with the community around them and have good networking skills to help facilitate that process
- Be able to take initiative and have a high level of integrity and good judgement

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- Be able to drive and have use of a car to enable travel around the agreed local area and to/from the store in Oxford Cowley.
- Be subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check

Job Title: Area Networker

Hours: Part time: 15 hours per week

Wage: £9.50 per hour

Location: Oxfordshire, the designated area will be agreed between the CEO and each networker, based on their location and the number and location of local schools.

Reporting lines: The post-holder will report to the BeSpace CEO

Terms: The role will initially be for one year (with the possibility of extension) starting September 2021.

How to apply:

Please send a CV together with a covering letter detailing why you are interested in the role and what you can bring to it, referring to the role description and personal profile/specification above, to the BeSpace CEO, Kirsty Morgan at kirsty@bespace.be