INTERNAL JOB VACANCIES



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Working for Guide Dogs

If you want to work for an organisation that makes a real difference to the lives of people who are blind or partially sighted, Guide Dogs may have a great opportunity for you. We have more than 1,000 staff working across the UK in a wide range of roles, all motivated by knowing that, whatever their job, they are playing their part in helping our clients get around independently and safely.

We welcome applications from all sections of the community and we actively encourage diversity. The skills and abilities that we are looking for are as diverse as the range of jobs we have to offer. We are committed to fostering talent and supporting the development of our current staff and registered volunteers.

Please note, all vacancies close at midnight on the date specified. If you would like more information for any of the vacancies below, please call our Volunteering Office on 0345 143 0191. CVs will not be accepted.

Please continue to the next page for details of current vacancies.

Available roles

Role	Location	Closing date	
IS Education Support	National	4/11/2020	Internal
Finance & Governance Assistant	Burghfield Common - Central Office	5/11/2020	Internal
Finance Planning, Reporting and Systems Manager	Burghfield Common - Central Office	5/11/2020	External
CAS Operations Manager	Redbridge	8/11/2020	Internal
CAS Operations Manager	London	8/11/2020	Internal
Qualified Orientation & Mobility Specialist	South East	12/11/2020	External
CAS Operations Manager	Newcastle	11/11/2020	Internal
Head of Committed Giving	National	04/11/2020	Internal
Dog Care & Welfare Assistant	National Breeding Centre	11/11/2020	Internal
Canine Assisted Partnership Specialist	Atherton	13/11/2020	Internal
Committed Giving Administrator	Central Office	15/11/2020	External
Trainee Guide Dog Trainer	London	15/11/2020	Internal

For further details (including how to apply) for all external vacancies, please see our jobs board by clicking anywhere on this sentence.

Thank you for your interest in working with Guide Dogs.

Please see below for the job description and person specification for each of the internal roles listed above.

The contents table at the top of this document will tell you the page number for each role.

Job Description: IS Education Support

Vacancy IS Education Support

Salary GBP £29,435 - £31,168 per annum

Job Type Specialist Professional Category Permanent- Full Time

Closing Date 04/11/2020
Date Posted 21/10/2020
Reference 0000037682
Location National

Region United Kingdom

Job Profile

Job Title: IS Education Support

Directorate: Business & Finance Services

Reports To: IS Knowledge Management & Education Manager

Matrix Reporting To: None

Disclosure Check Level: None

Date created/last reviewed: 15/10/2020

Overall Role Purpose

The IS Education Support role helps people with sight loss to live the life they choose through supporting end users in adopting and learning how to use the IS systems and technology available to them, and to understand IS roles, processes and activities. They manage and resolve issues reported by the business, providing proactive solutions.

This role will deliver key areas of the IS vision and act as a 'subject matter expert' for Microsoft and Citrix end user technology. They will support the delivery of the communication and training element of the IS strategy.

Key Responsibilities

- Training Strategy
 - Provide professional service and knowledge transfer of IS strategic vision and strategy in line with IS Programmes and projects.
 - Liaise with external and internal partners for the Technology programme in relation to training and communication.
 Manage deadlines and coordinate plans.
 - Research and collaborate to determine new training methodologies or ways of working.
 - Deliver training or education through classroom-based training, e-learning, 1-1 coaching sessions and creation of user guides.
- Project Management
 - Facilitate the planning and execution of business changes through the use of technology and Internal Governance.
 - Communication of numerous work streams for core business projects incorporated in the Technology Programme.
 - Support the Technology Programme with testing, training and communication.
 - Lead on small projects when required.
- Supporting and liaising with all critical business support services
 - Act as a key point of liaison between the IS User Experience
 & Planning team and IS key business support services.
 - Support the management team on all business functions that drive IS by supporting continuous improvement projects, advising and demonstrating how collaborative and assistive technology tools can support changes.
 - Think outside the box and create solutions for day to day problems.
 - Manage and resolve issues reported by the business, providing proactive solutions.
 - Maintain the IS Help & Support Intranet page.
- Managing Relationships
 - Act as an ambassador for the IS Team with regards to communicating with internal and external stakeholders.
 - Be a role model by leading by example in the use and promotion of supported IS Systems.
 - Mentor and coach others, in 1:1 and group environments in the use of technology and collaborative tools.
- Compliance

- Support the delivery of the strategic vision, develop administrative procedures, data collection and associated management information systems.
- Assist with the review and monitoring of team processes, routines and procedures on a regular basis to ensure that they are as effective and streamlined as possible.
- Guide Dogs is a learning organisation and we are committed to fostering a positive climate for continuous learning. We expect all our people to demonstrate commitment and actively participate in continuous professional development (CPD).

Breadth/Scope of Accountability

People Accountability

Number of Direct Reports: None Number of Indirect Reports: None

Number of Volunteers Supervised: None

Financial Accountability

Annual Income Accountability: None

Assets Managed: None Budget Accountability: None

Application of this Job Profile

All employees are required to carry out other such duties as may reasonably be required to fulfil their role and support functional and organisational objectives.

All employees must also:

- Comply with all organisational policies
- Promote the vision and values of the organisation
- Engage in continuous personal development

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Person Specification

Education/Qualifications

Essential

 Teaching or training qualification, Award in Education and training level 3 (Formerly PTLLS) or certificate in Education and Training level 4 (formerly CTLLS).

Desirable

Project Management qualification, Agile or Prince2

Job-Related Experience

Essential

- Experience of delivering and developing training programmes face to face and/or remotely using a number of digital technologies.
- Demonstrable experience of working with a high attention to detail in all aspects of working practice.
- Provide evidence of good communication skills.
- Proven success of working in an administrative capacity within a Project Management Office (PMO).

Knowledge

Essential

- Detailed understanding of project management methodologies and the ability to create project plans.
- Experience with Windows 10, Microsoft SharePoint, Microsoft Office/O365
- Generic business-based knowledge skillset.
- Project quality and governance criteria.
- An understanding of working in the not-for-profit sector

Skills and Competencies

Essential

- Ability to work, on their own when required, to deadlines.
- Ability to communicate technical concepts in plain English.
- Good communication skills, including writing to a high standard.

- Ability to influence others.
- Ability to work to competing deadlines.
- Excellent administration.
- Ability to work within a highly confidential and pressurised environment with an ability to demonstrate resilience.
- Skilled in the use of a range of relevant software packages e.g.
 Word and Excel, PowerPoint, and the accessible documentation standards involved.
- An understanding of Office 365 and other Microsoft products, CITRIX.

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- **Expert** We are specialists in what we do. We are committed to excellence and will never stop innovating. We respect our history, but seek out ways to adapt and improve, and are always willing to learn.
- Optimistic We are relentless in our belief that people with vision impairment can lead the life they choose. We are passionate about helping each person, committed to challenging barriers, and proud of who we are and what we achieve.

So, we: -

- Partner We only change lives when we collaborate. We build valued relationships with donors. We work together with our service users and colleagues, volunteers and partners – and our dogs, of course – to deliver great outcomes. We support and develop each other.
- Lead-by-example We can all be a guide. We take the lead and then hand it over, empowering people to make progress independently. We gain trust by having faith in others, and influence by example. We do what we say we will.

Engage - We cannot change lives if we look on from the side-lines.
 We get involved, take ownership, and feel responsible for all we do, think and say. We celebrate wins big and small, and we hold ourselves and each other to account.

We use competency-based questioning within our recruitment processes to assess the extent to which candidates demonstrate these behaviours – in ways appropriate to this role – in how they are at work and generally as people.

Safeguarding

If the role does or may involve working with children, young people or vulnerable adults, or supervising those that do, we'll also be assessing 'safeguarding competencies' as part of the process. These are:

- Appropriate motivation to work with vulnerable groups;
- Emotional awareness:
- Working within professional boundaries and self-awareness; and
- Ability to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, young people and adults and protect from harm.

Mobility

A flexible approach with a willingness to work outside of core hours and away from home when required.

Job Description: Finance & Governance Assistant

Vacancy Finance & Governance Assistant **Salary** GBP £27,472 - £29,091 per annum

Job Type Specialist Professional Category Permanent- Full Time

Closing Date 05/11/2020 **Date Posted** 22/10/2020 **Reference** 0000037683

Location Burghfield Common - Central Office

Region South East

Job Profile

Job Title: Finance & Governance Assistant

Directorate: CFO Directorate

Reports To: CFO

Matrix Reporting To: Company Secretary

Disclosure Check Level: Basic

Date created/last reviewed: 17/09/2020

Overall Role Purpose

The Finance & Governance Assistant helps people with sight loss to live the life they choose by providing proactive, efficient and confidential support to the CFO and Company Secretary on the Board of Trustee sub-committees, to enable them to operate efficiently and effectively.

Key Responsibilities

- Co-ordinate the papers for the Trustee Board, Committees and subsidiary Board meetings to include sense checking and proof reading.
- Seek information, collate data to create reports; interrogate and review reports and financial data as required.
- Attend and support meetings or events, including the taking of minutes.

- Track deadlines and issue reminders for delivery of actions arising from meetings.
- Support the creation of annual and individual audit plans, follow up with internal and external audit contacts to ensure agreed actions are complete in a timely fashion. Provide exception reporting for ED meetings and maintain follow up register for Audit & Risk Committee
- Undertake research for ad hoc projects within the CFO directorate and support strategic programmes and key projects as required.
- Provide support to the Association Secretary by taking on a full range of company secretarial responsibilities across governance, including involvement in the year end process, annual reporting, statutory compliance, Data Protection and other related activities.
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Breadth/Scope of Accountability

People Accountability

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Number of Volunteers Supervised: None

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Assets Managed: None

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Person Specification

Education/Qualifications

Essential

- GCSE English & Maths
- A Level Qualifications.

Desirable

- Educated to degree level or equivalent
- Part ICSA qualified

Job-Related Experience

Essential

- To be organised and have an ability to prioritise effectively
- Able to work as part of a team across all levels of seniority and with external advisors and maintain confidentiality
- Experience of working in a similar role and possess a 'can-do' attitude

Desirable

Experience of minute taking

Knowledge

Essential

Desirable

Skills and Competencies

Essential

- Financially literate, and confident in extracting information from financial reports
- Highly adept at using Microsoft Office (including Word, Excel, Outlook and Powerpoint) to create and format accessible documents
- Conscientious, diplomatic and flexible
- Excellent communication skills (written and verbal)

- High level of accuracy and strict attention to detail
- Able to resolve problems with minimum support / self-reliant and able to self-manage / initiative-taker
- Efficient, methodical and organised
- Exceptional time management with the ability to plan, prioritise and meet deadlines
- Comfortable working under pressure
- Able to establish rapport and build relationships at all levels

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- Ability to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, young people and adults and protect from harm.

Mobility

Central Office and occasional visits to other Guide Dogs sites. Prepared to travel to other Guide Dog sites with occasional overnight stays.

Job Description: CAS Operations Manager

Vacancy CAS Operations Manager

Salary GBP £34,688 to £36,729 per annum

Job Type Manager

Category Permanent- Full Time

Closing Date 08/11/2020
Date Posted 26/10/2020
Reference 0000037684
Location Redbridge
Region England

Job Profile

Job Title: CAS Operations Manager

Directorate: Operations

Reports To: Head of CAS Operations

Matrix Reporting To: None

Disclosure Check Level: Enhanced – Children Barred

Date created/last reviewed: 20/08/2020

Overall Role Purpose

The Operations Manager leads and manages a cross functional operations team of staff and volunteers working with adults, children and young people and their families to provide the consistent delivery of person-centred services in accordance with their needs.

Key Responsibilities

Service Delivery

- Responsible for the operational delivery required to enable personcentred services within the allocated geographical area of your Region/Country, ensuring all prioritisation criteria are correctly applied within a person-centred framework
- Responsible for the person-centred delivery of Guide Dog's Canine Assisted Services (CAS) ensuring regional and national service consistency in collaboration with colleagues.

- Work with key collaborative partners to augment, promote, develop and deliver these services, ensuring dependencies both external (i.e. contracts) and internal (dog supply chains) are managed as applicable to meet their objectives and targets
- Lead the team to proactively identify and resolve areas of concern in standardisation and process application, systematically resolving to meet agreed internal and external service standards.
- Ensures feedback and the voice of our customers is utilised to achieve continuous improvement.
- Support the Regional Leadership Team to identify and implement funding opportunities or joint collaborative working in the sector for our services.
- Works closely with Safeguarding team members to embed safe practices in front line service delivery, ensuring customers of our services receive appropriate escalation and processes in line with our safeguarding policies and procedures, adhering to action plans as advised.

Managing Staff and lead volunteers

- Provide first-line leadership to staff team(s), managing and developing a high performing operations team.
- Develop team working, knowledge-sharing and promote professional best working practice.
- Working with other professionals as required (internal or external), enable supervision to staff who may have specialist responsibilities (e.g. rehabilitation / guide dog training / habilitation)
- Manages recruitment and staff resourcing in the team to ensure service delivery targets are met and operational performance is achieved, coordinating any technical trainee requirements and/or development needs of staff is supported in team
- Ensure that strong volunteer and employee engagement is achieved through active listening and effective leadership.
- Responsible for performance management of operational staff members in accordance with Guide Dogs policies and processes.
- Responsible for managing staff and volunteers adhering to safeguarding within Guide Dogs policy and procedure, ensuring all team members adhere to training and process compliance.
- Ensure processes are embedded and validated to enable quality standards to be efficiently met, working collaboratively with managers within the Region and nationally alongside service design teams.

Planning and strategy

- Plans a defined staged delivery plan within their service area for the team(s), working collaboratively with internal and external stakeholders to ensure a cohesive and customer driven plan is in place to deliver current and future needs, in line with the Regional / Country objectives and targets and aligned with national goals.
- Supports planning of long-term (5 year) delivery plans in line with strategic direction, working collaborativly with internal and external stakeholders.
- Responsible for planning, managing and delivering the team's(s) operational delivery plan, ensuring activities meet business need and are in line with Guide Dogs strategy, motivating staff and volunteers to deliver exceptional, person-centred services.
- Monitor and evaluate against key performance indicators, ensuring targets are met and variances are understood and managed.
- Ensures appropriate resources are available to deliver the plan, meeting the needs of people with sight loss and their families.
- Work collaboratively with other internal and external professionals to plan delivery of services as necessary.
- Support the Regional Leadership Team in developing and implemententing change management concepts to enable strategic objectives to be operationalised.

Quality Assurance

- Ensure that national (organisational / statutory / federation) standards are met and maintained through evaluation and engagement, and a consistent, person-centred, high quality service is provided to people with sight loss and their families.
- Monitor and respond to feedback to ensure needs are met and continued improvement achieved.
- Problem solve and initiate any service improvements needs for the team, sharing best practice with the region and nationally as appropriate
- Ensure that all areas of compliance are met with regard to safeguarding, health and safety and operations standards.

Financial Focus

- Ensures that operations staff and volunteers support fundraising where appropriate.
- Support the Regional Leadership Team to ensure all relevant aspects of the operations budget is monitored and team

expenditure against that budget is compliant and maximises efficiencies.

Personal Development

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Breadth/Scope of Accountability

People Accountability

Number of Direct Reports: Up to 9

Number of Indirect Reports:

Number of Volunteers Supervised: Up to 5

Financial Accountability

Annual Income Accountability:

Assets Managed:

Budget Accountability: None, authorisation levels up to £5,000

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Person Specification

Education/Qualifications

Essential

Management qualification or equivalent relevant experience.

Desirable

- Project Management qualification (Prince-2 or equivalent)
- Professional qualification (e.g. CQSW/DipSW, Dip/Cert, BEd/PGCE/QTS, Habilitation/Rehab/GDT/GDMI.)

Job-Related Experience

Essential

- Demonstrable experience of working in a professional management, supervisory or teaching / training role related to vulnerable people.
- Experience of developing, supervising and / or managing performance in others (e.g. staff/volunteers).
- Able to demonstrate experience of managing a complex operations environment where exceptional, customer-focused service delivery is achieved.
- Experience of handling safeguarding concerns within a service delivery setting.
- Knowledge and understanding of effective management protocol Knowledge of models of person-centred service delivery to adults, children, young people and their families.
- Knowledge and experience of ensuring safeguarding compliance within a team.
- Knowledge of current legislation, policy and research relating to people with sight loss and/or disability. Up to date with current policies, practice and thinking in the Education and/or Health and Social Care sector.

Desirable

- Project Management experience
- Experience of Rehabilitation practice / Habilitation Quality Standards / working dog practice as applicable (SISS role)
- Experience of professional supervision of staff working with children with complex needs. (SISS role)

- Experience of working with dogs (CAS role)
- Experience of working in any the following settings; education, health and social care, police/probation
- Comfortable and confident in giving presentations and training to individuals and groups, including experience of chairing or facilitating discussions to include active listening and problem solving in a person-centred environment

Knowledge

Essential

- A comprehensive knowledge of GDPR.
- Computer literate with advanced skills in the Microsoft Office suite (Outlook, Excel, Word, PowerPoint).
- Health & Safety / compliance monitoring experience.

Desirable

- Experience with current/innovative business communication or cloud sharing devices such as: Zoom, SharePoint, Prezi etc.
- Knowledge of current legislation, policy and research relating to people with sight loss and/or disability
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Skills and Competencies

Essential

- Extensive experience and proven ability to work safely with adults, children and young people with developed understanding of both child protection issues and the issues affecting all vulnerable groups.
- Demonstrates excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Experience of collaborative working in a multi-professional setting and can demonstrate a strong ability to liaise effectively with statutory or voluntary sectors.
- Proven experience of planning and delivering person-centred services to meet the needs of adults, children and young people with sight loss and their families.

- Proven ability to structure, plan and prioritise work to ensure targets and deadlines are met.
- Demonstrates developed organisational, planning and time management skills.
- Proven ability to interpret operations data to assess performance against lead and lag measures, able to analyse data and evaluate its impact.
- Conducts themselves in a manner appropriate to a management role.
- Communicates effectively in different situations and at different levels.
- Manages individual and team performance to deliver results.
- Creates a team environment which promotes wellbeing and maximises personal effectiveness.
- Contributes outside of their immediate team.
- Understands and applies policies and procedures appropriately.

Desirable

- Comfortable and confident in giving presentations and training to individuals and groups, including experience of chairing or facilitating discussions to include active listening and problem solving in a person-centred environment.
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- Experience of working in any the following settings: educationhealth and social care- police/probation.

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Mobility

A flexible approach with a willingness to work outside of core hours and away from home when required.

Travel within the Region will be required, alongside occasional overnight stays for national meetings throughout the UK. Able and willing to travel

extensively throughout the team area for operational service delivery needs. Ability to work occasional evenings and weekends to meet the service need.

Job Description: CAS Operations Manager

Vacancy CAS Operations Manager

Salary GBP £38,793 to £40,834 per annum

Job Type Manager

Category Permanent- Full Time

Closing Date 08/11/2020 **Date Posted** 26/10/2020 **Reference** 0000037685

LocationLondonRegionEngland

Job Profile

Job Title: CAS Operations Manager

Directorate: Operations

Reports To: Head of CAS Operations

Matrix Reporting To: None

Disclosure Check Level: Enhanced – Children Barred

Date created/last reviewed: 20/08/2020

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- Work with key collaborative partners to augment, promote, develop and deliver these services, ensuring dependencies both external (i.e. contracts) and internal (dog supply chains) are managed as applicable to meet their objectives and targets
- Lead the team to proactively identify and resolve areas of concern in standardisation and process application, systematically resolving to meet agreed internal and external service standards.
- Ensures feedback and the voice of our customers is utilised to achieve continuous improvement.
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Job Description: CAS Operations Manager

Vacancy CAS Operations Manager

Salary GBP £34,688 to £36,729 per annum

Job Type Manager

Category Permanent- Full Time

Closing Date 11/11/2020
Date Posted 28/10/2020
Reference 0000037696
Location Newcastle
Region England

Job Profile

Job Title: CAS Operations Manager

Directorate: Operations

Reports To: Head of CAS Operations

Matrix Reporting To: None

Disclosure Check Level: Enhanced - Children Barred

Date created/last reviewed: 20/08/2020

Overall Role Purpose

The Operations Manager leads and manages a cross functional operations team of staff and volunteers working with adults, children and young people and their families to provide the consistent delivery of person-centred services in accordance with their needs.

Key Responsibilities

Service Delivery

- Responsible for the operational delivery required to enable personcentred services within the allocated geographical area of your Region/Country, ensuring all prioritisation criteria are correctly applied within a person-centred framework
- Responsible for the person-centred delivery of Guide Dog's Canine Assisted Services (CAS) ensuring regional and national service consistency in collaboration with colleagues.

- Work with key collaborative partners to augment, promote, develop and deliver these services, ensuring dependencies both external (i.e. contracts) and internal (dog supply chains) are managed as applicable to meet their objectives and targets
- Lead the team to proactively identify and resolve areas of concern in standardisation and process application, systematically resolving to meet agreed internal and external service standards.
- Ensures feedback and the voice of our customers is utilised to achieve continuous improvement.
- Support the Regional Leadership Team to identify and implement funding opportunities or joint collaborative working in the sector for our services.
- Works closely with Safeguarding team members to embed safe practices in front line service delivery, ensuring customers of our services receive appropriate escalation and processes in line with our safeguarding policies and procedures, adhering to action plans as advised.

Managing Staff and lead volunteers

- Provide first-line leadership to staff team(s), managing and developing a high performing operations team.
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Job Description: Head of Committed Giving

Vacancy Head of Committed Giving

Salary GBP £60,971 to £64,019 per annum

Job Type Senior Leader

Category Permanent- Full Time

Closing Date 04/11/2020 **Date Posted** 28/10/2020 **Reference** 0000037702

Location National

Region United Kingdom

Job Profile

Job Title: Head of Committed Giving

Directorate: Fundraising

Reports To: Director of Fundraising

Matrix Reporting To: None

Disclosure Check Level: None

Date created/last reviewed: 24/04/2018

Overall Role Purpose

The Head of Committed Giving helps people with sight loss to live the life they choose by developing and delivering a strategic focus and plan for all aspects of individual regular giving including donor acquisition and development, managing our tele-fundraising and face-to-face teams and our Special Projects team that delivers new initiatives across fundraising. Collaborating with Trustees, Directors and Heads of to maximise income and impact at Guide Dogs.

The role will inspire and drive the team to exceed income targets, through innovation and drive.

Key Responsibilities

• To develop, plan and monitor the annual budget for Committed Giving to achieve required income.

- Work closely with the Data Selections & Insights team, and external agencies to produce business intelligence and data analysis to assist with the development, planning and monitoring of budgets and strategy development.
- Manage, coach and develop the Committed Giving team.
- As a member of the Fundraising Management Team (FMT) use skill set to help drive and improve performance in other areas of fundraising. Work proactively with other FMT members to resolve budget silo issues, maximise return for Guide Dogs and work together to resolve FMT underperforming KPIs.
- Monitor donor profiles to ensure the product range and channels utilized are maximising Guide Dogs' reach amongst the general public.
- To work with the Procurement Department to ensure that all suppliers are appropriately sourced, managed and that Guide Dogs receives the maximum value from those relationships.
- Act as subject matter expert to support the rest of the Fundraising Directorate with horizon scanning and innovative ideas for fundraising opportunities. Act as the point of reference for public fundraising matters for the organisation.
- Manage and monitor accounts for Committed Giving looking to balance income against risk, keeping our product/proposition development and channels viable.
- Drive best return for Guide Dogs by deciding on investment levels and supporter journey to maximise lifetime value from Committed Giving products.

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Financial Accountability

Annual Income Accountability: To develop, plan and monitor the annual budget for Committed Giving to achieve required income.

Assets Managed: None

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- Experience of people management.
- Experience of digital marketing
- Experience of delivering Innovation ideas to market
- Ability to forecast income and expenditure
- Held a senior role at a large charity and used to influencing opinion at all levels from Trustees to team members

Desirable

Experience of managing marketing teams.

Knowledge

Essential

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- Extensive knowledge of PCs and spread sheets is required as well as other Microsoft Office applications.
- Knowledge and understanding of the Gambling Act 2005, Fundraising Code of Practice, PECR, GDPR and ASA.

Skills and Competencies

Essential

• Must be able to demonstrate a proven track record of developing and implementing effective and successful fundraising (esp. individual giving) strategies within the charity sector.

- Excellent organisation and project management skills.
- The jobholder will deal with all levels of staff and supporters throughout the organisation and must demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively and establish constructive working relationships.
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Job Description: Dog Care & Welfare Assistant

Vacancy Dog Care & Welfare Assistant

Salary GBP £17,879 to £18,931 per annum

Job Type Support Provider

Category Permanent- Full Time

Closing Date 11/11/2020 **Date Posted** 28/10/2020 **Reference** 0000037703

Location National Breeding Centre

Region West Midlands

General Information

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Job Title:
Dog Care and Welfare Assistant - NBC
Team:
Dog Care & Welfare Team
Department:
Dog Care & Welfare
Directorate:
Mobility Services
Job Location:
National Breeding Centre
Reports To:
Dog Care and Welfare Manager
Number of Direct Reports:
None

Number of Volunteer Reports:
None
Budgetary Responsibility in Pounds (if applicable):
N/A
Financial Targets (if applicable):
N/A
Matrix Reporting Lines To (if applicable):
N/A
Level of Disclosure Check Required and Related Workforce (if
applicable):
None

Overall Purpose

Provide for the mental and physical welfare and specialist care of all dogs/pups whilst housed in kennels at the Guide Dogs National Breeding Centre. To provide day to day husbandry of dogs/pups in kennels ensuring adherence to national dog care working practices and standard operating procedures.

Key Accountabilities of the Role

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	To carry out day to day husbandry of up to 35 adult dogs within a block of kennels, ensuring application of agreed national dog care working practices and standard operating procedures. This will include the provision of specialist health care, under supervision, such as convalescing stock, puppies, whelping/nursing bitches and neonates and infectious cases providing animal husbandry.
2.	

	Monitor and maintain the mental & physical wellbeing of dogs within the kennel environment, to ensure all dogs are fit & healthy, to allow them to progress as future guide dogs/breeding stock. Identify potential issues and refer these upwards as appropriate.
3.	Responsible for maintaining behavioural responses within the kennel environment, using appropriate dog handling techniques and being aware of individual temperaments and behavioural traits. Identifying and referring potential handling or behavioural issues upwards as appropriate.
4.	To support trainees and volunteers working within the kennel environment whilst carrying our daily husbandry of dogs to ensure consistency of standards.
5.	Maintain accurate and up to date records, by providing verbal and written/electronic information regarding health histories and the behaviour of dogs/pups.
6.	Operates as a team member working with managers, supervisors and colleagues, by providing practical skills to fulfil the delivery of a dog care and welfare service. Maintain professional working relationships with other technical staff, other departments and external contacts (centre vet, specialists, volunteers, boarders) as required.
7.	Any other activities relevant to the role that will enable us to get blind and partially sighted people out and about in the way they choose
8.	Guide Dogs is a learning organisation and we are committed to fostering a positive climate for continuous learning. We expect all our people to demonstrate commitment and actively participate in continuous professional development (CPD).

All employees will be expected to comply with Guide Dogs' terms and conditions, rules, policies, procedures, codes of conduct, quality

standards, authorisation processes, risk management policies etc. and relevant external regulations.

Values and Behaviours

All staff are expected to demonstrate Guide Dogs' Values, the beliefs that guide the entire organisation.

- 1. Dedicated to superior quality
- 2. Always trustworthy
- 3. Inclusive and embracing
- 4. Customer focused
- 5. Maximising impact
- 6. Passionate and determined

Competencies

Staff Members

- 1. Supports their team and colleagues
- 2. Works well with others across Guide Dogs
- 3. Is committed to quality and service
- 4. Understands how Guide Dogs operates and follows agreed procedures
- 5. Delivers their objectives and core activities as required
- 6. Takes responsibility for their own performance and development

Person Specification

Factor	Essential	Desirable
Values and behaviours	See section Values and Behaviours section above	
Job specific skills	Proven interpersonal skills in order to communicate effectively with a broad range of internal and	Extensive work experience in a dog kennels establishment.

	external contacts. Able to demonstrate aptitude for dog handling	
Previous relevant experience	Able to demonstrate ability to organise own work priorities within set time frames	Practical experience working with dogs within either dog care or training environment. Working with volunteers
Knowledge	Understanding of animal care and behaviour	Basic computer skills
Qualifications / Training	Animal Care qualification OR extensive animal care based work experience that demonstrates the ability to undertake the requirements of the role	Relevant animal care based qualification Experience of whelping a dog and rearing a litter of pups
	To hold a current UK driving licence OR be able to demonstrate how to transport dogs/pups to the veterinary surgery inside and outside normal working hours	Ability to demonstrate volunteering within a animal care based role
Special requirements (such as travel /overnight	Able to work unsocial hours including rostered evenings, weekends and bank holidays	
stays)	Able to work overnight duties and attend whelping bitches outside of hours.	
Dog friendly	Comfortable with dogs in the workplace / office.	
Eligibility to work in UK Volunteering	Proof of identity and eligibility to work in the UK Guide Dogs is a volunteer led organisation and as such all staff are required to support volunteers in their	From time to time you may be asked to support / volunteer your time at Guide Dogs events that

	roles. This may or may not mean the direct management of volunteers but will require all staff to play a supporting role.	take place outside of normal working hours.
Safeguarding	Guide Dogs is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children, young people and vulnerable adults with whom we work. We expect all of our employees and volunteers to demonstrate this commitment.	

The post holder is required to carry out other such duties as may reasonably be required, commensurate with the grade of this post. All employees will be expected to excel in being customer centric, demonstrate advocacy for Guide Dogs at all times and be a fundraiser.

This job profile is accurate as at the date shown below. In consultation with the post holder it is liable to variation by management to reflect or anticipate changes in or to the role.

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Job Description: Canine Assisted Partnership Specialist

Vacancy Canine Assisted Partnership Specialist

Salary GBP £27,472 to £29,091 per annum pro rata

Job Type Specialist Professional Category Secondment- Full Time

Closing Date 13/11/2020
Date Posted 05/10/2020
Reference 0000037580
Location Atherton
Region North West

Job Profile

Job Title: Canine Assisted Partnerships Specialist

Directorate: Operations

Reports To: Head of Canine Assisted Partnerships

Matrix Reporting To: None

Disclosure Check Level: Enhanced

Date created/last reviewed: 19/03/2020

Overall Role Purpose

The Canine Assisted Partnerships Specialist helps people with sight loss to live the life they choose by supporting the design, develop and deliver a range of canine assisted services that enable people who are visually impaired to meet a wide range of personal goals, from improving health and wellbeing, increasing self-confidence and encouraging interaction in the wider community and so reducing the isolation and impact of living with sight loss.

They ensure that the right dog for each role and then deliver training to customers or volunteers so that they get the very best benefit from their canine assistant or companion. This will include enabling volunteers to promote our work through canine assisted activities to improve education, community engagement and fundraising.

Canine Assistance Partnership Specialists will continue to deliver the new services as the subject matter expert, embedding and implementing them across our network of regional centres, working closely with our dogs, our customers and their families, and our volunteers.

Key Responsibilities

Delivery of the service

- To assist in the design, development and delivery of our new Canine Assisted Services.
- To identify, complete the assessment of and partner our dogs to meet agreed customer outcomes.
- To work closely with our other services to agree appropriate person centric outcomes and then match the right dog at the right time to the right client or volunteer to achieve these outcomes.
- To plan, create and deliver engaging regional workshops across the UK to deliver a range of goal-orientated interventions that use partnership with a trained dog to improve the health and wellbeing of people with a vision impairment.
- To provide ongoing support and advice to the new partnership to ensure successful outcomes are achieved.
- To train and support a team of volunteers responsible for boarding training dogs allocated to you or your team.
- Deliver training to the volunteers that work with Ambassador Dogs so that they can support engagement and fundraising events to increase awareness, public education and income generation.

Continuous Improvement

- To keep abreast of and share literature, ideas and best practice to ensure that we continuously improve the way we work and how we support our customers.
- To support the design and implementation of new processes which aid efficiency, quality and/or improve all new canine assisted services.
- To support the Canine Assisted Services Manager in providing ongoing evaluation and continual improvement for new canine assisted services.
- To support in standardising, maintaining and improving written, video and practical guidance to ensure that all the associated staff / volunteers / customers share a standardised approach.

Record Keeping

 To ensure that all documentation and relevant data is complete and up to date in line with Guide Dogs Data protection policy, procedures and standards.

Communication

- To represent the canine assisted services internally and externally ensuring maximum opportunities for people with sight loss, and the wider public to enjoy the benefits of canine assisted interventions
- To ensure that customers are aware of the policies and procedures relating to responsible dog ownership and through education and training can demonstrate an ability to understand and care for the dog's needs and welfare.

Other

- Any other activities relevant to the role that will enable people who
 are blind or partially sighted and their families to enjoy the benefits
 of a dog. To be aware of opportunities to signpost to other relevant
 services related to CYP (Children and Young People).
- Guide Dogs is a learning organisation and we are committed to fostering a positive climate for continuous learning. We expect all our people to demonstrate commitment and actively participate in continuous professional development (CPD).

Breadth/Scope of Accountability

People Accountability

Number of Direct Reports: None Number of Indirect Reports: None

Number of Volunteers Supervised: Flexible

Financial Accountability

Annual Income Accountability: None

Assets Managed: None

Budget Accountability: None

Application of this Job Profile

All employees are required to carry out other such duties as may reasonably be required to fulfil their role and support functional and organisational objectives.

All employees must also:

- Comply with all organisational policies
- Promote the vision and values of the organisation
- Engage in continuous personal development

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Working at Guide Dogs

As well as other services to enhance the lives of people who are blind and partially sighted, we breed and train guide dogs and companion dogs. Staff and volunteers in all our locations support this work. Therefore, all employees must be comfortable working in environments where dogs may be present.

Guide Dogs is a volunteer-involving organisation and as such all staff are required to support volunteers in their roles. This may or may not mean the direct supervision of volunteers but will require all staff to play a supporting role. From time to time you may be asked to support / volunteer your time at Guide Dogs events that take place outside of normal working hours. All employees will be expected to advocate for Guide Dogs at all times and be a fundraiser.

Guide Dogs is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children, young people and vulnerable adults with whom we work. We expect all of our employees and volunteers to demonstrate this commitment.

Guide Dogs will require proof of identity and the right to work in the UK.

Person Specification

Education/Qualifications

Essential

- GCSE's in Maths and English at grade C or above or equivalent.
- Vocational qualification or equivalent experience in dog behaviour/ animal welfare.
- Willing to undertake training and development to ensure suitability of service delivery for families of children and young people.

Desirable

- A recognised qualification in either training dogs or animal behaviour.
- Qualification as a guide dog mobility or assistance dog mobility instructor.
- Certification as a clinical animal behaviourist or veterinary behaviourist.
- Teaching qualification.

Job-Related Experience

Essential

- Experience of running group training in a workshop format.
- Experience of working with a range of clients and/or volunteers.
- Evidence of training delivery and education with clear communication skills.
- Proven understanding of dog welfare and needs to match them with the needs of people living with sight loss and provide ongoing support.

Desirable

- Experience of working with a range of clients with disabilities or individual needs.
- Experience of working in the not for profit sector.

Knowledge

Essential

- Able to demonstrate the knowledge, skills and experience in positive dog training and handling in line with Guide Dogs ethical training policy.
- Able to demonstrate the knowledge and skills as well as experience in appropriate up to date training methods as well as problem solving and analysis of training and behavioural issues.

Skills and Competencies

Essential

- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills with the ability to deliver training and education about dog welfare, motivate, manage and influence a range of stakeholders in a changing environment, including families of children with sight loss.
- The ability to work calmly under pressure and to work effectively as a member of a variety of teams.
- Empathetic and positive approach to working with people and dogs.
- Good planning skills, with a clear focus on client's outcomes.
- Is adaptive to culture change and is responsive to new ideas and able to adapt working practices to ensure these and actioned.

Behaviours

Our behaviours capture the essence of what it is to be Guide Dogs people, whether staff or volunteer. They describe the experience we expect everyone – the people we support, donors, partners, our volunteers and staff – to have while working with us. Guide Dogs people are:

- Person-centred We are a group of people working to help each person affected by sight loss. We listen, and recognise that every individual is different in where they've come from and where they're going. We are open, empathetic and inclusive. We place the person at the centre of every decision.
- **Expert** We are specialists in what we do. We are committed to excellence and will never stop innovating. We respect our history, but seek out ways to adapt and improve, and are always willing to learn.

 Optimistic - We are relentless in our belief that people with vision impairment can lead the life they choose. We are passionate about helping each person, committed to challenging barriers, and proud of who we are and what we achieve.

So, we: -

- Partner We only change lives when we collaborate. We build valued relationships with donors. We work together with our service users and colleagues, volunteers and partners – and our dogs, of course – to deliver great outcomes. We support and develop each other.
- Lead-by-example We can all be a guide. We take the lead and then hand it over, empowering people to make progress independently. We gain trust by having faith in others, and influence by example. We do what we say we will.
- Engage We cannot change lives if we look on from the side-lines.
 We get involved, take ownership, and feel responsible for all we do, think and say. We celebrate wins big and small, and we hold ourselves and each other to account.

We use competency-based questioning within our recruitment processes to assess the extent to which candidates demonstrate these behaviours – in ways appropriate to this role – in how they are at work and generally as people.

Safeguarding

If the role does or may involve working with children, young people or vulnerable adults, or supervising those that do, we'll also be assessing 'safeguarding competencies' as part of the process. These are:

- Appropriate motivation to work with vulnerable groups;
- Emotional awareness:
- Working within professional boundaries and self-awareness; and
- Ability to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, young people and adults and protect from harm.

Mobility

A flexible approach with a willingness to work outside of core hours and away from home when required.

Job Description: Trainee Guide Dog Trainer

Vacancy Trainee Guide Dog Trainer Salary GBP £21,984 per annum

Job Type Support Provider

Category Permanent- Full Time

Closing Date 15/11/2020 Date Posted 30/10/2020

Reference 0000037704

Location London Region England

Job Profile

Job Title: Trainee Guide Dog Trainer (TGDT)

Directorate: Operations

Reports To: Senior GDT / Senior Practitioner / CAS Operations Manager

Matrix Reporting To: None

Disclosure Check Level: Enhanced

Date created/last reviewed: 08/09/2020

Overall Role Purpose

The Trainee Guide Dog Trainer (TGDT) helps people with sight loss to live the life they choose by enabling people with sight loss to get out and about through their partnership with a guide dog. A TGDT learns to train guide and assistance dogs to perform their role within a canine assisted service, working alongside staff, volunteers and service users.

Key Responsibilities

- Attend and participate in assigned TGDT training programme modules, carrying out all required reading and pre- and postcourse work, making full use of the resources.
- Become a reflective practitioner and apply current theories to practical application. Complete research as required.
- Train on the job to the required standards, including but not exhaustive:

- Learn to train dogs in line with Guide Dogs standards and approach.
- Design and implement individual dog training plans to the required standard.
- Recognise the differing requirements needed by clients and how this will determine the suitability of the dog for the relevant service and/or client.
- Recognise and support the resolution of any dog wellbeing issues and escalate to relevant colleagues as appropriate.
- Demonstrate appropriate values, attitudes and behaviours when interacting with people.
- Complete associated administration in line with relevant policies.
- Work with all relevant stakeholders such as clients, staff and volunteers to develop dog handling and wellbeing skills.
- The relevant skills required to make a dog ready for partnering in guide dog services.
- To develop interpersonal skills in preparation for working with a range of stakeholders both internally and externally e.g. volunteers, clients, staff.
- To develop into a competent and effective qualified member of staff to fulfil the key accountabilities of the Guide Dog Trainer job description, through the skills learning and mentoring available.
- Engage and contribute in team meetings and training. Participate in events and activities and to get to know Guide Dogs clients, volunteers and staff.

Breadth/Scope of Accountability

People Accountability

Number of Direct Reports: None Number of Indirect Reports: None

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Person Specification

Education/Qualifications

Essential

3 GCSE/O' levels or the equivalent – including Maths & English

Desirable

- Accredited learning in the areas of animal training, behaviour or welfare.
- Current valid UK/EU Driving licence

Job-Related Experience

Essential

- Previous experience working with adults and/or young people and/or animals
- Able to undertake physical demands of the role, including walking long distances daily (in excess of 8-10 miles), in all weather

- conditions, unaided, and able to handle and walk with a range of dog breeds, ages, sizes and temperaments.
- Willing and able to drive large transit dog-carrying vehicles, or suitable alternative to transporting multiple dogs.

Desirable

- Previous practical experience in the areas of animal training and/or behaviour.
- Experience of teaching, coaching and mentoring.
- Experience of previous work / voluntary work with adults and/or young people with disabilities.

Knowledge

Essential

Able to demonstrate working knowledge of Microsoft Office.

Desirable

- Knowledge of the charity sector.
- Experience of using databases.
- Previous experience and knowledge in animal husbandry and care.

Skills and Competencies

Essential

- Able to demonstrate effective communication skills to be able to deal with people clearly and sensitively.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Good organisational and administrative skills
- Can demonstrate a logical approach to decision making.
- Able to demonstrate a high standard of literacy.
- Able to work as part of a team and unsupervised as required.
- Ability to plan and organise own work and meet deadlines.

Desirable

- Demonstrate the ability to work with people from a range of backgrounds.
- Effective presentation skills.
- Understanding of safeguarding.

Able to demonstrate experience of dog training/ handling.

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