12 MAY 2023 - NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN NW

Would you like to get fresh veg from Lauriston Farm?

Announcing... the Community Supported Agriculture veg box scheme!

Members will get a weekly share of the harvest from the Market Garden during the growing season. If you are interested in becoming a member and getting veg from the farm, please <u>click here to fill in the Expression of</u> <u>Interest form</u>.

You'll also find more details about the veg boxes from there, and answers to FAQs.

Community Supported Agriculture is a partnership between farmers and local communities. It is one of the best ways to create a fairer and more regenerative food system. We are excited to start providing veg boxes, and we hope you will join us.



We must apologise for two errors that crept into this month's newsletter.

The date of the much-anticipated Gala Day is Saturday 27thMay and the boat now comes into the harbour at 11am





Do you work with unpaid carers?

Do you work with unpaid carers who support another adult - friend or rel ative - due to their age, illness or disability?



We are inviting them to join us to enjoy a new activity or get back to something they love.

All activities are drop in and accessible and they are able to bring the person they care for.

Free thanks to Short Breaks Fund.

Please help us spread the word - thanks!



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WHEN: Starting Weds 7th of June (1:30-2:30)

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FOR INFO/SIGN UP: Abigail@freshstartweb.org.uk



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Trust Talk

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE CORSTORPHINE TRUST

Spring 2023





Past and Present

Spring is here, which means another edition of **Trust Talk** and lots of exciting updates. We hear from people and organisations in the local community, as well as a piece of Corstorphine history **From the Archives** on the village's own poet. Continuing this historic theme, you'll also find the first of a three-part guide to the stones of Old Corstorphine Parish Church. We're also delighted to announce our second silent film night taking place at The Corstorphine Astoria Centre, so make sure you secure your tickets.

We hope that you enjoy this Spring Edition of Trust Talk!



Stay in touch

For more updates on our opening times, you can follow us on our Facebook and Instagram pages.



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Chair's Letter

Hello everyone and welcome to the Spring 2023 edition of Trust Talk.

As I'm sitting here, there isn't a cloud in the sky, the last of the daffodils are gently swaying in the breeze and there's just a hint of warmth in the sun. I think this is my favourite time of year.

It's scary to think that at this time last year we were finally emerging from the various lockdowns endured over the pandemic. It's been a busy 12 months and this year's going to continue in that vein.

We had our AGM at the end of March. Although we don't officially keep a note of how long they last, I think we might have broken a record this year at just under 30 minutes. That's my kind of meeting!



In another packed edition we have bios from Esther

Elliott, Community Chaplain and Ben Owen who is making a film about the Ingram, films old and new, something from the archives, a bit of sleuthing that Sherlock Holmes would have been proud of and the new community space at The Gyle.

As always, I need to extend my thanks to those involved behind the scenes. The Trust simply couldn't run without your help.

I hope you enjoy this issue and we look forward to seeing you at The Dower House soon.

Best,

Chair

Membership Fees

Just a wee reminder to our members, who don't pay via standing order or BACS, that your membership fees may now be due. If you're not sure, please contact us at info@corstorphinetrust. co.uk, by calling us on 0131-316 4246 or why not pop in and see us?

Thank you!

From the Archives

Victorian Corstorphine had its very own village poet, Robert Cuddie. He was born in the village on 15 June 1821, son of John Cuddie, a gardener, and Helen Aikman. For 20 years Robert was the letter carrier between Corstorphine and Gogar. He was Clerk to The Corstorphine Friendly Society and the library and an officer on the School Board. He was a strong advocate for teetotalism and would often deliver lectures on Temperance around the district.

Robert married Henrietta Kay in 1866. She was known as Hennie Cuddie. Before she was married, she was reportedly heard to say that if she had a Robert Cuddie and a chest of drawers, she would be very happy! She had a little shop at Irish Corner. They had one child called Henrietta who sadly died at just four months old. After Robert died in 1876, Henrietta married John McNeill. When asked which husband she liked best, she replied: "Ah wee, the first's aye the first, ye ken." She died in 1902.

When someone referred to Robert as a "stupid cuddie" he replied:

"Though baith the twa o'them are in A rather stupid class: A line might still be drawn between A Cuddie and an Ass"



A selection of Robert's poems entitled "Corstorphine Lyrics" was published after his death. A copy can be found in our archive.

Frances MacRae Archivist

Space to Be at the Gyle Shopping Centre: A New Community Space

After many months of planning and a soft opening, a new local community space was officially opened by the Lord Provost on 8 March 2023. The space is in the south west corner of the food court at Gyle Shopping Centre and looks out over the Pentland hills. It's called Space to Be, and the hope is it will have a relaxing, calm and steady vibe. It all started with a conversation over a cup of tea and a scone in 2021 between the then new Gyle Centre Manager, Caroline MacQueen and the local Community Chaplain, Esther Elliott who worked in the Centre supporting staff. Since then the space has been fully renovated and decorated by the Gyle Centre owners, some trial runs of people using the space have taken place and, most importantly, relationships between individuals and groups have grown.

Space to Be is one large, open plan, flexible space. Most of the time it's broken up into different areas



for exhibitions, one-to-one meetings or individual social or work time, and larger group meetings and activities. The vision is for it to become a space where local people can simply pop in, relax, do some work, meet a friend, get some advice and information, or join a group activity. Very occasionally the Space to Be will be completely used by a group for a specific activity (Barnardo's currently run a Ukrainian family club on a Friday) but most of the time it will hopefully be open for everyone.

If you want to know more do take a look at the website: https://www.spacetobe.live/.

Community Spotlight

Hello. I'm Benjamin Owen, artist and filmmaker, and I will be joining The Corstorphine Trust in 2023 to create a film portrait of the Ingram Organ.

I produce art that includes film, photography, music, performance, and installation. A celebration of improvisation and collaboration is at the heart of the practice and I have been commissioned to stage art, music, and education programmes by organisations including Jupiter Artland, Edinburgh; Horsecross Arts, Perth; Arnolfini and Spike Island, Bristol.

Most recently I completed a short film commission for the BBC that celebrated vocal cultures across East Scotland.

I discovered The Corstorphine Trust through the annual Doors Open Day festival and wished to create a new film centred on

the Ingram Organ that brings together local groups in telling its story.

Benjamin Owen, Filmmaker

I have been working in Corstorphine as a Community Chaplain since November 2018. Before that, I spent most of my life in the East Midlands. My family were old-school Quaker Baptists; pacifists and socialists, all exceptionally poor but never able to turn anyone away who needed food, money, or a cup of tea. I've never quite been able to stop believing in the power of community and hospitality. They also loved to think, and particularly to think about their own Christian faith and spirituality and so I took that on too, eventually ending up with a Doctorate in theology from Nottingham University. I worked part time as well as studying, mostly in the Department of Transport assessing the roadworthiness of cars which fed my need to be a petrolhead!

For most of my working life I've trained people to be Christian ministers, usually the people institutions were a bit wary of taking on because of their working-class status or their lack of a formal education. Five years ago I realised I was getting a bit jaded and needed a change, and that's when I came here to work with Corstorphine Old Parish. It continues to be a privilege to add my skills and experience to local communities and networks; maintaining and celebrating existing ways of looking out for each other, dreaming up new possibilities and building community one relationship at a time.



Esther Elliott, Community Chaplain

Swashbuckling Adventure on the Big Screen!

We are delighted to announce our second film night to be held at The Corstorphine Astoria Centre on Saturday 13 May 2023 at 7.00 pm.

We take you back to 1920 for the silent feature film *The Mark* of *Zorro* starring Douglas Fairbanks in the film that defined the 'swashbuckling adventure'.

The film is based on the 1919 novel *The Curse of Capistrano* and tells the story of Don Diego Vega – the son of a wealthy ranchero – in the old Spanish/California of the early 19th century. He assumes the caped and sword brandishing Zorro who scars evildoers with his 'Z' mark. He sets out to overthrow the villainous Governor Alvarado and his henchmen, and wants to win the hand of Lolita Pulido. Will he succeed?! Come along and find out ...

This film is lots of fun and is what launched Fairbanks into the

superstardom league. It was the first feature released by the newly formed United Artists Corporation – of which he was one of the founders.

Donald MacKenzie, from London's Odeon Leicester Square, will be making a welcome return to perform an improvised score on The Corstorphine Astoria Centre's Ingram Cinema Organ.

Tickets, priced at £15.00, includes refreshments. Doors open at 6.45 pm for a 7.00 pm start.

You can book tickets online at **https://www.corstorphinetrust.co.uk/concerts/** or you can contact the office on **0131-316 4246**. Your name will be placed on a list and we would ask that you send a cheque (or come in person) within one week of your booking. Your ticket will then be confirmed.



Stones Inside Corstorphine Old Parish Church, Pt. 1

Written by Stephen W. Murray

This three-part guide is intended to assist those with an interest in the tombstones and other commemorative stones that can be found inside the Parish Church. It can be read from the comfort of the armchair or used in the Church. If the latter, it is recommended that the reader starts in the North Transept before proceeding clockwise, moving east towards the Chancel Arch, then proceeding westwards. Your sojourn should then finish up in the Porch.

1. NORTH TRANSEPT. SIR ADAM FORRESTER'S GRANDSON (?)

One of the oldest tombstones in the Church makes reference to one Adam Forstar. Historians had previously identified this as the tombstone of Sir Adam Forrester, who purchased the Barony of Corstorphine in 1376 before dying in 1405. This is because the only text decipherable on the stone at that time was the Latin "*Hic Jacet Adam Fo(r)s(tar)*..." ("Here lies Adam Forstar") (Upton, 1890, pp. 9-10; Thomson, 1946, pp. 12-13).



Fig 1. Stone in situ externally at West Porch.

However, recent photographic reproduction techniques, along with a translation offered by the then Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland, uncovered more of the text as "*Hic Jacet Adam Fo(r)s(tar)/Filius D(omi) ni Ioa(nn)is/Forstar m(ilitis)*" (Cowper, 1992a, p. 47). The text therefore translates as: "Here lies Adam Forstar, son of Sir John Forstar, knight". As the elder Adam had a son, John (who went on to become Sir John Forrester the First), it is possible that this particular Adam may be the grandson of the elder.

This raises a problem as there is no reference to the younger Adam in the Forrester family tree, as far as we know. A solution has been offered by scrutiny of Volume III of the *Calendar of Scottish*

Supplications to Rome 1433-1447, published in 1970. The document claims that the younger Adam may have been Clerk of the Diocese of St. Andrew's in 1432. He is described as being of noble race, but illegitimate (Jackson, 1991, p. 3). This could offer a clue as to his omission from the family tree.



Fig. 2. Stone located at the North Transept.

This stone has moved around over the years. Originally (and well into the last century) it was located externally in the West Porch of the Church; just to the left of the inscribed lintel (*Fig.1*). During the Post-Reformation construction between 1646-50, some of the stones from the original twelfth-century parish church of St. Mary were used to build the West Porch. In all likelihood, the stone may have formed part of this reconstruction. Sometime between the late 1950s and 1970s, it was recovered from the outside wall and lay in the North side of the Porch. Today, it can be found, text side up, at the north east corner of the North Transept (*Fig. 2*).

2. CHANCEL ARCH. MARGARET, FIRST WIFE (?) OF SIR JOHN FORRESTER THE FIRST

This stone was originally located upside down in the external west wall of the South Transept (Milligan, 1929, p. 53). Similar to the stone possibly commemorating Adam Forrester's grandson in the North Transept, it may have also formed part of the post-Reformation reconstruction. Additionally, we could also argue that this one relates to the first Sir John Forrester.

Thanks to previous research, we know that the first John had three wives. The second and third wives are known to us by their names: Jean of St. Clair of Orkney; and Marion Stewart of Dalswinston, widow of Sir John Stewart of Garlies.



Fig. 3. Possible commemorative stone of Margaret, first wife of Sir John (I)

Of John's first wife, Margaret, we know only that she was dead by July 1424 (Cowper, 1992b, p.7).

The text that can be read doesn't have the formal lettering of that which may be found on the tombstone allegedly commemorating Adam Forrester's grandson. Additionally, it is fragmentary, and may have formed part of a larger stone that has been cut. For example, if it is part of a tombstone, there is no text such as "*Hic Jacet...*" (see pg. 6). Milligan, the Parish Minister of Corstorphine, writing in 1929, claimed that the text read "*Roman A Caretada (D)omini Ioann (de) (e)odem et Domi*" (Milligan, 1929, p. 53). However, an extract from the archives of the Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland that same year informs us that the text reads

"(*M*)*A*(*R*)*GARETA DA...DOMINI IOHANNIS...EODEM ET DOM...CSTO...IN(I)*" (Historic Environment Scotland, 1929). With assistance from Dr. Morvern French, Properties Historian, Historical Environment Scotland, the translation offered is (approximately) "...Lady Margaret and Lord [or 'Sir'] John, in the same (place) and lord (and lady) of Corstorphine...". This is assuming that the 'or' in Corstorphine has been contracted. There also appears to be the letter 'U', which, as yet, has not been explained (French, 2023). Although the translation of 'domini' can be understood as 'lord', it can also be translated as 'sir'. This avoids confusion with George, the first Lord Forrester.

Interestingly, there is an argument that the stone may not actually refer to Sir John's first wife, but Adam Forrester's second, who also had the name Margaret (Cowper, 1992a, pp. 47-48). Yet, if this stone does relate to Margaret Forrester, first wife of Sir John I, it may be (at time of writing) the only physical evidence that could identify her. The stone can presently be found at floor level just beyond the north side of the Chancel Arch, next to the effigy of Sir John Forrester I (*Fig.3*). The text faces the Chancel window.

3. CHANCEL (East). GEORGE HENDERSON



To the left of the Chancel window is a stone commemorating George Henderson (*Fig.4*). Henderson was the architect responsible for the restoration of the Church which was completed in 1905. The previous restoration was carried out by William Burn in 1828. Sadly, Henderson did not live to see his work completed. Of the reconstructions carried out on the Church over the centuries, Henderson's is generally considered to be the most sympathetic to the Collegiate church of Sir John the First. Contemporary building materials were used to reproduce the appearance of the original Chancel, Sacristy and South Transept (Cowper, 1992a, p. 96).

Fig.4. Commemorative Stone of George Henderson, Chancel (East).

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The Astoria Centre

The Astoria Centre continues to flourish, with a number of adult and children's activities running throughout the week. If you're interested in booking the hall, please send an email to contact@corstorphineastoriacentre.co.uk for more information.

MONDAY

18:30-19:30 Clubbercise

TUESDAY

10:00-12:45Music Bugs13:30-15:30Line Dancing18:30-19:30Clubbercise

WEDNESDAY

09:30-11.30	Christine Mills - Pilates Scotland
12:30-13:30	Realistic Pilates
14:00-16:00	Versus Arthiritis (second Wednesday of the month)
16:00-18:00	Taekwon-Do
18:45-19:45	Clubbercise

THURSDAY

09:45-10:15	Tanya's Dance-Fit Hip Hop: 2-5 years
10:30-11:00	Tanya's Dance-Fit Hip Hop: 0-2 years
11:15-12:00	Tanya's Dance-Fit: Mum's Fitness Class
13:00-14:00	Easy Exercise
14:30-16:30	SWI (second Thursday of the month)
17:00-21:00	Taekwon-Do

FRIDAY

09:05-10:05	Realistic Pilates
10:30-11:30	Realistic Pilates
13:00-15:00	Tutti Footy FC
16:00-19:00	Capital Allstars

SATURDAY

09:30-12:45	Inspire Theatre Workshop
13:45-16:15	Corstorphine Community Centre Tea Dance (fourth Saturday of the month)
14:00-15:30	Corstorphine Connect Sight Loss Grop (third Saturday of the month)

SUNDAY

13:30-15:00 Organ Practice

Get in touch

Corstorphine Heritage Centre

The Dower House, St Margaret's Park Edinburgh, EH12 7SX S 0131 316 4246 info@corstorphinetrust.co.uk We hope that you've enjoyed this Spring edition of Trust Talk and we are delighted to be able to welcome you back to The Dower House.

You can continue to contact **The Corstorphine Trust** via email, telephone and post, as well as following us on social media for updates on our hours.



Adult Education One Day Courses

Several one day courses are still available to book on, such as the very special experience on **Sketching Animals in the Zoo** – close up sketching animals at rest and play in real life. The professional artist tutor will support individuals with tips and techniques on how to improve skills, whilst having a great day out. There is plenty of shelter if the weather is not so good and entry to the zoo is included in the fee course. Sign up right away for the course on Friday 19th May. Might be the last chance to see the pandas before they return to China.



To enrol, students must ring 0131 556 7978 weekdays between 10am-4pm (3pm on Friday) and they can book on and give a link for payments. More information at City of Edinburgh Council website www.joininedinburgh.org (fees around £20 per person)

Outdoor courses

Walks: History - Old Town - All - (27th May) - OUT59686E Walks: Geocaching - All - (27the May) - OUT58986E Walks: Navigation - Hillwalking - Beginner - (3rd June) - OUT60196E Walks: Navigation - Hillwalking - Beginner - (27th May) - OUT60186E Art(PR): Sketching Animals in the Zoo - All - (19th May) - OUT182125E Walks: Archaeology - History of Cammo Estate - All - (20th May) -OUT57986E Walks: Dancing in Georgian Edinburgh - All - (27th May) - OUT58686E

One Day courses at Broughton Community High School – all on Saturday 20th May

Art(PR): Drawing & Painting - All - (20/5) - BHS12386E Cookery: Thai With a Chef - All - (20/5) - BHS25186E Cookery: Cake Decoration with Chocolate - Beginner - (20/5) -BHS21786E Craft: Quilt Making - All - (20/5) - BHS29286E Criminology & Criminal Justice - All - (20/5) - BHS30686E Photography: Digital Photography - Beginner - (20/5) - BHS51886E View this email in your browser



Dear granton:hub supporter,

Introducing AB Holistic Therapies

AB Holistic Therapies is run by Agnieszka Borowiec who has been a



massage therapist since 2016. Her treatments aim at gently realigning the body and releasing tension both in muscles and in the connective tissue (fascia) which holds everything together, sometimes a bit too tight. If you don't know which treatment to choose, you can book a session and after a short consultation, you can decide together which treatment would be most suitable for you. Find out more about the therapies offered and

booking information <u>on our website</u> or contact <u>abpainrelief@gmail.com</u>.

Read and Mend is back on the 7th of May

Read&Mend is back this spring! Bring along your needlework and a story to share.To book a space contact <u>wildflowers@grantonhub.org</u>.



North Edinburgh Community Festival: 13th May

After the success of our stall at the Granton Gas Station WASP studios opening event in March, we are excited to be bringing the granton:hub archive to the North Edinburgh Festival on Saturday 13th May.





Come along to the stall and enjoy the festivals and gala days of the past through our new display of photographs from the archive. Were you one of the kids on the Fun Club float? Who is the boy rolling

along the globe at the Drylaw fun day in 2001? We would love to hear your stories



and memories of these events and we need your help with identifying the people in the photos. If you are interested in volunteering on the stall, even for as little as half an hour, please contact Julie Gibb at <u>history@grantonhub.org</u>. All help would be appreciated!

Painting for Pleasure: 13th and 14th May

Spring into creative action this season with Painting for Pleasure workshops led by Gareth Hutchison. Throw winter caution to the wind and paint onto canvas in the relaxing atmosphere of Madelvic House. The Painting for Pleasure weekend workshop offers a wonderful and enjoyable creative experience with full 1-to-1 professional guidance & support at an affordable price. Welcome to all adults, whatever your age, creative experience or artistic ability. Enjoy the creative process and the time to practice painting for a whole day in the relaxing social atmosphere of Madelvic House. Taking place on the 13th & 14th May. Starts 10am - 4.30pm. Read more information <u>on our website</u>.

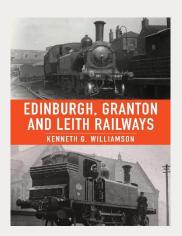


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Art filling the GAP: Applications close on the 17th of May

Granton:hub would like to commission a visual artist as part of the recently launched 'Filling the GAP: **Granton Archive Project**' which commenced early 2023 and is based at The artist will work with Julie Gibb, Development Worker, and history hub volunteers to initially discuss and identify topics for exhibitions, based on the materials in the archive. These preliminary preparations will then result in the artist planning and delivering two activities inspired by Granton's heritage. Read more about this opportunity <u>on</u> <u>our website</u>.

Book Launch: Edinburgh, Granton and Leith Railways by Kenneth G. Williamson



Join us at granton:hub to launch Kenneth G. Williamson's book, Edinburgh, Granton and Leith Railways, a collection of historic photographs on Sunday 28th of May 2023 from 2pm – 4pm.

With a wealth of superb rare and previously unpublished images, Kenneth G. Williamson tells the story of Edinburgh, Granton and Leith railways.

'In 1861, the Caledonian Railway, in its efforts to gain a foothold in Granton and Leith, opened a

line from Slateford to Granton with a connection to Granton Harbour, where the Edinburgh, Dundee & Perth Railway (NBR) was already established. The CR further built, at great expense, an elevated line to Leith Docks in an effort to establish itself in one of Scotland's busiest ports. Significant dock traffic never materialised and the CR's 1903 Leith New Lines failed. The North British Railway meanwhile, in their attempt to keep the CR out of Leith, opened Leith Central station in 1903 – the largest station constructed in Britain from scratch in the twentieth century. The station was much larger than necessary and as such was never used to its full potential. It was converted in 1955 to a Diesel Maintenance Depot and in 1972 closed completely.'

This is one story, come along on the day and enjoy many others!

A small number of books will be available for purchase or bring your own copy for signing. <u>Get your tickets for this event here.</u>

Scottish Community Archive Sessions – Thursday 11th – Thursday 25th May

We had our first session with Jenny Duffy from the Scottish Community Archives on Thursday 4th May, Jenny will be joining us for the next 3 weeks to help with the listing of the granton:hub archive and to help us put together a plan for developing the archive to reflect the past, present and future of life in Granton. This is a great opportunity to learn the skills needed for working with an archive, full training is provided, and IT skills are not essential. We especially welcome volunteers with a good local knowledge of the area who can help us with identifying the people, places and events in the photographs. The sessions will run on a Thursday from 1-4pm, come along for the full three hours or just drop in if you have an hour to spare. Refreshments are provided. If you would like more information, contact Julie Gibb <u>history@grantonhub.org</u>.

Our regular weekly activities are:

Mondays: 7-8:15pm, Slow Flow Yoga. A slow evening class where we will wind down from the day together. We'll start out with a slightly (but not very) dynamic flow and then work our way down to the mat for some rest and relaxation. For more info and to book, <u>check the website</u>.

Tuesdays - Hannah King Yoga sessions are held every Tuesday mornings 9:30-10:45, COST: £5/7/9. To book, <u>check the website</u>.

Wednesdays: The garden group meets Wednesdays from 11 - 1.

Fridays: Sitting at Dawn is a morning meditation group that meets on Fridays from 7.15am to 8.45am. There is no need to book. Recommended donation £3-£5.

Rooms for hire

If you're looking for an affordable venue to host a workshop, meeting or event in North Edinburgh, consider hiring a room with granton:hub. where there are 3 rooms available to hire at Madelvic House. Find out more information <u>on our website</u>. If you have any questions, please contact <u>community@grantonhub.org</u>

Special notice: Madelvic House is not fully accessible. We do have a portable ramp to allow wheelchair and powerchair users to get into the building, which you will have access to, and once in the building there is level access but there is no wheelchair accessible toilet.

12 MAY 2023 – FUNDING AND VACANICES



NORTH EDINBURGH CHILDCARE

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JOB VACANCY

North Edinburgh Childcare is one of the premier providers of high quality, affordable childcare and education services in Edinburgh and is known for its community based approach to delivering accredited childcare training. The organisation is strongly grounded in an inclusive ethos which underpins both our excellent services and our commitment to staff, their training and professional development.

We are looking for an enthusiastic and highly motivated individual to fill the following posts in our nursery Childcare Team:-

SENIOR CHILDCARE & EDUCATION PRACTITIONER

Full Time - 35.83 Hours/Week (Monday – Friday)

Salary - £26,427.15/Annum depending on qualification (Pay Review Pending)

The purpose of the Senior Childcare & Education Practitioner is:-

- To have a key role in the efficient and effective delivery of high quality childcare and education services for a diverse range of children attending North Edinburgh Childcare's Nursery at Ferry Road Avenue.
- To supervise the day to day work of team members and maintain an overview of the provision.
- To be responsible for the day-to-day running of a busy playroom within the nursery for children aged 4 months-5 years.

Successful applicants will have experience of working in an early years setting, a sound knowledge of key documents including Realising the Ambition, Pre-Birth to Three and the Curriculum for Excellence along with the ability to support others in the planning, implementation and evaluation of a high quality early learning and childcare service.

Please note that applicants for these posts must hold a relevant qualification to apply for this post.

Please note that all applicants for this post must be eligible to:-

- Become a member of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme.
- Register with the Scottish Social Services Council at Practitioner Level
- Work in the UK and have the relevant documents to prove this.

The closing date for these posts is Friday, 26 May 2023

To apply via Application Form please go to following link:- <u>https://forms.office.com/e/nYWhMWLgz9</u> or email your CV to <u>info@northedinburghchildcare.co.uk</u>

Elaine Lennon, 12 May 2023