



Connection Pastor
Part Time Maternity Cover
Lagan Valley Vineyard
Job Description

Role: Connection Pastor (Part time, Maternity Cover)
Location: Church Office (54 - 56 Bachelors Walk Lisburn BT28 1XN)
Line Manager: Stuart Bothwell (Executive Pastor)
Salary: £20,000p/a pro rata
Hours of Work: 20 hours per week
Role Duration: Maternity Cover of up to 1 year
Start Date: June 2021

Lagan Valley Vineyard is a vibrant family on mission based in Northern Ireland. Our dream is to see the life of Jesus come to every person and every part of our region. We don't simply want to have a great church, we want to see the flourishing of the Lagan Valley. We are deeply committed to understanding the local church as a family on mission learning to proclaim and demonstrate the gospel of the Kingdom wherever we find ourselves.

Job Summary

To serve the community of Lagan Valley Vineyard in discipleship and pastoral support, as well as welcoming newcomers into the life of the church.

To connect people to various aspects of church and community life.

To establish strong bonds of connection between people throughout the community of Lagan Valley Vineyard.

To ensure that all are 'seen' and welcome in the life of the church and to be seen as a point of contact for connection, pastoral and prayerful support.

To help plan, lead and facilitate Sunday services, prayer gatherings and church wide events.

We understand that for the Lagan Valley Vineyard community, the Connection Pastor is an important individual in both embodying and demonstrating care and connection, it is therefore essential that this person functions with a high degree of Christian compassion and wisdom in their approach to their role.

Key responsibilities:

Connection

- Continuing a strong emphasis on welcome and connection through communication and conversation with newcomers and providing pathways for greater involvement in community life.
- Creating opportunities for people to connect outside of Sunday mornings through social events, compassion activities, small groups.
- Connecting people with other members of the church community for conversation, prayer and support.
- Working alongside LVV staff team to facilitate newcomers events.

Milestones

- Working alongside staff and leadership team to mark, celebrate and honour key milestone moments in the life of the community including births, baby dedications, marriages, bereavements and baptisms.

Pastoral Support

- Connecting with church community through various communication platforms and conversations for prayer and encouragement.
- Liaising with Senior leaders to ensure people across the community are seen and loved regardless of circumstances.
- Creating ways for those new to faith to connect with Jesus, as well as serving those further along the discipleship journey to practice the ways of Jesus.
- Establishing effective prayer support for the LVV community.
- Organising freezer meals and gifts to deliver to families.

Administration

- Management of Sunday Welcome Team rota.
- Assisting Executive Pastor in management of church calendar.
- Managing registration of Sunday services and church wide events
- Connecting with newcomers through connection card and email communication.
- Assisting volunteer leaders with responsibilities for ministry areas in church life.

Services/Events

- Regular hosting and leading of Sunday services, prayer gatherings and other church events.
- Periodic Sunday teaching responsibilities.
- Working alongside staff team in planning, reviewing and leading services and other church wide events.

The list of duties contained above is not intended to be exhaustive. Other duties not listed above may be required from time to time and it is a condition of employment that the post-holder be willing to undertake other reasonable duties as may be required from time to time.

Personal Specifications

	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	Engaged in or completed formal theological study	
Experience	<p>Experience leading (in a paid or voluntary capacity), church ministry and care for others</p> <p>Experience in working with volunteers</p> <p>Experience in planning, hosting and facilitating worship services, prayer gatherings and events</p> <p>Experience in serving others through pastoral and prayer support</p> <p>Public speaking</p>	<p>Experience in bible teaching</p> <p>Experience in coordinating online events and training opportunities</p>
Skills	<p>Excellent written, email and verbal communication skills</p> <p>Able to work on own initiative</p> <p>Able to work as part of a team</p> <p>Able to understand and follow policies and procedures</p> <p>Leadership skills</p> <p>Excellent organisational skills</p>	<p>Experience in social media communication</p> <p>Experience in using Churchsuite for administration, registration and communication purposes</p>
Personal / Character	<p>Demonstration of faith in Jesus and acceptance of Lagan Valley Vineyard's Statement of Faith.</p> <p>Willingness and ability to communicate your own story of your faith journey.</p> <p>Willingness and ability to express Lagan Valley Vineyard's unique values and priorities.</p>	<p>Knowledge and experience of the Lagan Valley Vineyard community</p>

Note – an applicant will not be shortlisted unless they demonstrate on their application from that they meet **all** the essential criteria. The employer reserves the right to apply the desirable criteria to assist with shortlisting in the event of too many candidates to interview meeting all the essential criteria.

At LVV we hire for character, competence, chemistry and culture.

Character – You have to love Jesus, love the church and be committed to our mission here at LVV.

Competence – You must be an outstanding person with a high level of gifting and ability.

Chemistry – You must be a relational fit with our team, particularly those you will be working closely with.

Culture – You must be someone who will engage with, embrace and impart the culture of Lagan Valley Vineyard.