



Positive Transitions

Coordinator (East Lothian)

Recruitment Pack



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Information for applicants

Application process

To apply to this role, please submit the following to recruitment@peopleknowhow.org as email attachments:

- CV (please do not include a photo)
- Cover letter
- Completed Applicant Information Form – download from [our website](#)
- Equality & Diversity Monitoring Form (optional) – [complete online](#)

Should you be shortlisted and invited to interview, the interview panel will be looking for evidence that you meet the key responsibilities and person specification in the job description. When preparing for interview, we recommend using the STAR technique.

Equality & inclusion statement

Our recruitment decisions are based on fair processes, with appointment on merit. We anonymise all applications before shortlisting. We welcome applications from everyone and are committed to creating a culture in which equality, diversity and inclusion are actively promoted and discrimination is not tolerated and as such understand our legal duties outlined within the Equalities Act 2010.

Accessibility

Interviews may be held in person and we will share the interview questions with you in advance of your interview.

Please indicate any accessibility requirements needed in the Applicant Information form. Should you be invited to interview, we will ensure that our sites are fully accessible and enable you to participate fully in the interview and any other exercises required as part of the recruitment process. Reasonable adjustments can include having someone to accompany you if needed, requesting a sign language interpreter, requesting different document formats, etc.

If you would like to discuss requirements, reasonable adjustments or share further details with us, please contact recruitment@peopleknowhow.org. Details of any request will only be shared in order to put any adjustments in place and with your consent.

Eligibility to work in the UK and verification checks

We will carry out a verification check with candidates shortlisted for interview before the interview takes place. Shortlisted applicants will be required to produce:

- Proof of eligibility to work in the UK
- Proof of identification
- Proof of home address
- If relevant, any qualifications deemed essential

Details will be sent with the invite to interview and verification checks will be carried out before interview. Please note that for this role we require all candidates to be eligible to work in the UK and are unable to sponsor candidates who are not already eligible.



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References

Should you be selected for the role, we will ask you to provide the contact details of two people willing to act as referees. At least one of the referees should be a professional referee.

Salary

New starts will start on the first salary scale point for that post, unless otherwise stated.

Benefits

All staff members will be entered into our organisational Health Cash Plan, providing benefits including money back on health appointments, advice and helplines and retail discounts.

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Role description and person specification

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| Role title: | Positive Transitions Coordinator (East Lothian) |
| Main work base: | Hybrid, home working with office bases at Straits Meadow, 61-63 London Road, Edinburgh and Fisherrow Centre, Musselburgh Main work will be carried out in schools across East Lothian |
| Team: | Positive Transitions |
| Reporting to: | Positive Transitions Service Manager |
| Direct reports: | None |
| Salary: | £24,929 – £28,041 |
| Contract: | Permanent, subject to 6-month probationary period |
| Hours: | Full time, 35 hours a week |
| Annual leave | 8 weeks per year |
| Pension | 5% employee, 5% employer contributions |
| Closing date: | 12pm (Noon), Tuesday 30 April |
| Interview date: | 7 & 8 May |
| Number of positions | 1 |

Role purpose

The **Positive Transitions Coordinator** is responsible for working as part of a team, supporting children, young people and their families in the transition from primary to secondary school. The role supports our strategic aim of ensuring a positive school transition for all children across Scotland.

Key responsibilities

- Coordinating a caseload of young people each year and supporting them and their families with the transition to secondary school
- Directly supporting young people on a one-to-one basis in schools
- Planning and delivering group sessions in schools on themes relating to the young people's interests, challenges and goals
- Coordinating caseloads for students on placement (art therapy, social work, etc.)
- Supporting young people and their families (where required) to be digitally included (training and support will be provided to help them to be safe online and benefit from the digital world)
- Undertaking referral processes including assessments, obtaining consents and liaising with referrers



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- Coordinating all communication between referrers, schools and families for the cluster assigned to you
- Coordinating appropriate caseloads for students on placement and supporting students while they are on placement
- Carrying out risk assessments when appropriate
- Liaising with a range of agencies (including school staff, social workers, other third sector workers, etc.) to ensure smooth delivery of support, networking and promotion
- Planning and developing work to support children, young people and families and participating in the planning and review of service development
- Appropriately recording, monitoring and evaluating information gained through the journey of the children and young people we support.

Additional responsibilities or deliverables

- Building and maintaining knowledge of related services for children, young people and families we support
- Building and maintaining knowledge of school transitions research and policies, as well as knowledge of additional support needs that young people we support may require (e.g. ADHD, ASD and FASD)
- Working to legislative, ethical, policy and procedural requirements, including internal policies & procedures and other relevant policies and procedures to uphold best practice including safeguarding
- Supporting and offering relevant training as part of the induction of new team members joining People Know How (including volunteers, interns, placement students, staff, etc.)
- Supporting and supervising volunteers, interns and placement students (VIPs) when required

Behaviours

- Passionate about working with children, young people and parents/carers; and empowering them to reach their potential
- A positive, professional 'can do' attitude
- Flexible and able to adapt to change to meet the needs of the organisation
- Driven to make a real difference with a shared vision and commitment to what we do
- Understanding individual's behaviours, cultures and backgrounds and treating everyone fairly

Person specification

- Experience working with and supporting children and young people
- Hold a relevant Youth Work Qualification or relevant experience
- Basic knowledge of GIRFEC principles and values
- Understand and apply the principles of confidentiality.



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- Basic knowledge of issues that are relevant to young people in their transition to high school
- Ability to share ideas and work collaboratively
- Able to work independently
- Ability to use a variety of methods to engage young people and families
- Ability to support a small team of volunteers, interns and placement students
- Ability to communicate effectively with young people and team members
- Strong communication skills
- Ability to work with people of all backgrounds
- Excellent organisation skills
- Ability to adapt to the needs of the service
- Knowledge of, or willingness to learn, about how digital affects the lives of children and their families and how we can support them to be safe online and digitally included

Personal requirements

- A genuine respect and regard for adults, children and young people
- A passion for supporting people to unlock their potential
- Commitment to personal and professional training opportunities
- The successful candidate will be required to comply with People Know How's Child & Adult Protection Policy. They will be a member of the PVG (Protection of Vulnerable Groups) scheme or must make an application to join the scheme on recruitment
- Access to a car (desirable)

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About People Know How

We run services and campaigns in Scotland that place people at the centre, making their voices heard to improve their wellbeing, overcome barriers and solve social issues. We do this through collaboration with charities, universities, businesses, government and various other bodies.

People Know How is a Scottish charity that aims to improve wellbeing across communities by supporting people to overcome barriers and thrive. We deliver services locally in Edinburgh and the Lothians and engage in research and campaigning to effect change on a national scale. We also provide a national digital support helpline.

Our work supports all parts of the community including children, young people, families and adults. Our services recognise the varied and intersectional experiences and needs of each individual. This is why we take a hybrid approach to our service delivery, combining a holistic model with tailor-made support while also making use of partnerships to signpost to other appropriate interventions in addition to our own service offerings.

These partnerships play a key role in placing the voices of those we support at the centre of our work to effect social change. By collaborating across the four sectors (third, public, business and academic) we are not only able to work together to deliver local support, but also engage in research, and campaign for policy change nationally.

Since our foundation in 2013 we have formed a People Know How community made up of staff, trustees, volunteers, interns, placement students, the people we support and stakeholders across the sectors. We're committed to inclusion and value the diverse experiences of every member of this community.

People Know How aims to achieve **three strategic aims**, correlating with our key services and spaces: [Positive Transitions](#), [Reconnect](#) and [All Aboard](#).

- To provide spaces for people to gather, collaborate, exchange ideas and improve wellbeing, both in person and remotely.
- To improve digital inclusion in Scotland by providing support and campaigning for everyone to have access to digital skills, affordable data and devices, to safely communicate, connect and engage with opportunities.
- To improve school transitions for all children and young people across Scotland by providing support and campaigning for children, young people and families to have access to the support they need in the transition from primary to secondary school.

Our **mission** is to support people to overcome barriers so that their wellbeing can be improved, effecting positive change at its root.

Our **vision** is for those who need support to be heard by decision makers and placed at the centre of solving social issues.

Our **values** are to be people-centred & people-led, collaborative, inclusive, innovative and action-orientated.



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Our process

All of our work is formed and developed using our social innovation model. We ask, evidence, do, share, and repeat. We then use our learning to effect change on a national scale through research, campaigning and influencing.

Ask

We begin projects by asking people to share ideas, needs, strengths and assets. We believe people know how to identify their needs and the solutions to help them to fulfil their potential and solve social issues.

Evidence

We review literature and best practice, collaborate to inform people's ideas and ensure an evidence base before proceeding with a project. We never duplicate existing services and offer truly unique solutions.

Do

We run projects and deliver activities, putting ideas into practice, testing, and refining as we progress. A robust framework of monitoring and evaluation is built into our projects, constantly gathering data to assess our progress and performance.

Share

We share the approaches and impact of our work to recognise and celebrate the positive outcomes whilst identifying where improvements can be made. We then ask people for feedback on what we have shared, thus creating a cycle which drives continuous improvement.

Research

In collaboration with academic institutions, private enterprise, third and public sector partners and government, we initiate research to test innovative solutions to entrenched social problems. This ranges from multiyear longitudinal studies to nationwide mass participation, all the way to small locality-based surveys.

Campaigns & Lobbying

We design and run nationwide campaigns that aim to influence government policy, enhancing community development and acting as a catalyst for systems change across Scotland.

Our services

Positive Transitions

Positive Transitions supports children, young people and their families in the transition from primary and secondary school across Edinburgh and the Lothians. The service is designed to support them to feel valued and understood, improve their self-esteem and peer relationships, and enable them to fulfil their potential.

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Reconnect



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Reconnect offers support to adults and families in Edinburgh and the Lothians to help them improve wellbeing by increasing digital and social inclusion. The service also includes the Connecting Scotland digital support helpline, offering digital support across Scotland.

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All Aboard

All Aboard is a canal boat run by People Know How in collaboration with [Polwarth Parish Church](#). The boat hosts unique trips on Edinburgh's Union Canal for community groups and organisations to improve wellbeing, socialise and discover new experiences while surrounded by nature in the heart of the city. Through All Aboard we also offer unique volunteering opportunities to join our crew or become a helmsperson on the boat.

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VIPs

We call our volunteers, interns, and placement students VIPs; and we recognise that improving wellbeing is not limited to the people using our services. A key aim of our services is to help VIPs improve their wellbeing, increase confidence, and feel happier and more socially connected in their lives.

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