



Chief Executive, King's Arms Project, Bedford

King's Arms Project, Bedford is seeking to make a permanent appointment of a dynamic and highly motivated Chief Executive Officer to help drive its growth and development.¹

The King's Arms Project is a charitable company with an annual turnover of around £1.4M employing over 40 staff (34 FTEs). KAP provides Outreach, Accommodation and Opportunity areas of service provision, all specifically developed to help people out of poverty. These areas work together to provide joined up, person focused pathways out of homelessness. KAP has been operating in and around Bedford since 1989 and supports between 500 – 700 people every year.

Bedford has one of the highest incidences of rough sleeping in the UK outside of London and in an attempt to address this issue KAP commenced work among the town's street-homeless in 1989 when a Residential House located in Clarendon Street, Bedford was established. The aim of each area of KAP is to enable the homeless to move towards sustainable independent living as contributing members of their local community. The support available aids people to a point of stability, leaving behind chaotic lifestyles and life controlling issues such as substance misuse and mental health problems, while helping them acquire essential life skills and achieve personal goals. In more recent years KAP has extended its support and expertise to refugee families and displaced people, providing accommodation, advice and language lessons.

The CEO will direct the current activities and future plans of the KAP. Promote all aspects of the KAP, in line with its vision, ethos mission and values. The post carries a genuine occupational requirement (GOR) that the post-holder be a practising Christian.

A proactive hands-on approach, coupled with excellent leadership and communication skills will enable you to make a positive impact on the organisation. Candidates will possess a combination of skills, experience, drive and personal qualities required to lead the KAP. He/she will have a passion for the vision of KAP, for the character, energy and credibility to make the vision a reality. Specifically, they will bring previous management responsibility having had a senior role in a similar organisation. Other key skills are strategic planning, sound decision-making ability and a collaborative working style.

A competitive salary is on offer and this is an exciting opportunity to join a significant growing organisation working with the homeless in Bedfordshire and beyond and have a significant impact on future growth and development of the KAP.

Contact details:

Application packs can be requested from roydon.loveley@kingsarms.org

For an informal discussion of the role please contact Roydon on 07827 398379

Closing date:

12noon on Monday 23rd November 2020.

¹ Simon Dwight, the previous permanent CEO, resigned in July 2020 to work with the MHCLG after serving 7 years as CEO and 3 years before that as an Outreach Worker. Since July the CEO role has been filled by Kirstie Cook on secondment from the King's Arms Trust (Bedford).