

## THE CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (PLYMOUTH) ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth), also known as CCSP, is the only Catholic children's charity in the Diocese, which covers Devon, Cornwall and parts of Dorset. Their Patron is Professor Sheila the Baroness Hollins, eminent psychiatrist at St George's Hospital, specialising in learning disabilities. Her Catholic faith is central to her life.

CCSP also has a small Board of Trustees, made up of enthusiastic volunteers, who meet four times a year at their offices at St Boniface House in Ashburton. Each trustee is passionate about making a difference and each one brings a different skillset to the board. They are looking for new trustees to supplement the existing strengths and are particularly interested in recruiting trustees with professional skills in areas such as HR. This is a voluntary position, both rewarding and challenging.

### **What CCSP does to help families**

They help families of all faiths and none in times of financial need and provide support to parents and carers in raising their children. They do this through their:-

**Essential Grants programme** where they purchase essential items such as cookers, washing machines, fridge/freezers, beds and school uniform at a time when families are unable to, for example due to illness, loss of employment, moving home or fleeing domestic abuse.

**Pro-active Parenting courses**, providing parents and carers with support from their highly qualified and trained facilitator. They guide parents and carers in building on their own strengths, being able to understand their children better and how to parent in the challenging world we now live in. Courses are tailored to the needs of the group.

**Our Good Shepherd programme**, working with schools to encourage their pupils to think of others less fortunate than themselves.

**Rainbows GB Bereavement & Loss service**, where our parent/carer facilitator provides Bereavement & Loss CPD training for staff in CAST schools and parishes. For those that become Rainbows sites, facilitator training can be provided for nominated individuals who will run related peer support sessions in their own settings which help foster emotional healing to students who have experienced bereavement or loss, which includes divorce and those that are care experienced.

CCSP are also looking for **youth trustees** to bring the views of young people to their work. Maybe you are at university or have just completed your studies and think you would enjoy making a difference to some of the most deprived families in our Diocese? This volunteering role would give you good business experience, an ability to find out how a small charity works, knowledge of safeguarding, as well valuable experience working as part of a diverse team and much more. You will need to be aged 18+.

Further details can be found by visiting [www.ccsplymouth.org.uk](http://www.ccsplymouth.org.uk), by contacting the office on **01364 645420** or by emailing [ccs@ccsplymouth.org.uk](mailto:ccs@ccsplymouth.org.uk)





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## **WE ARE LOOKING FOR TRUSTEES**

- Are you looking to volunteer and give back ?
- Would you like to be part of a small forward thinking team ?
- Are you passionate about making a difference ?
- Are you enthusiastic and happy to share ideas ?
- Do you have the skills to make a difference ?
- We particularly need someone with HR experience

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO FAMILIES IN NEED**

**Skills required :**

- To have the reputation of the charity at heart
- To have a solid understanding of the Catholic values
- To understand about confidentiality and GDPR
- To be able to remain objective
- To be able to come up with ideas to make a difference

**COME AND SEE WHAT WE ARE ABOUT** by observing at our next Board meeting on Monday, 21 October 2024 at St Boniface House, Ashburton, TQ13 7JL at 10.30am

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION,  
please email [ccs@ccsplymouth.org.uk](mailto:ccs@ccsplymouth.org.uk) or call 01364 645420.