

Assistant District Safeguarding Officer for the Yorkshire West and Yorkshire North & East Methodist Districts

The Methodist Church is committed to ensuring its churches are safe spaces for all. We work hard to ensure compliance with legal requirements, develop good practice, provide effective training and give professional advice on individual cases. We have an exciting opportunity to join our team to work alongside the District Safeguarding Officers (DSOs) across the Yorkshire West and Yorkshire North & East Methodist Districts.

- Do you have a knowledge of safeguarding?
- Do you have Training and Quality Assurance skills and experience?
- Are you able to work flexibly and independently?
- Are you open to working in the faith sector?

If so, this post may be for you.

Amongst other things, you will be supporting our Safeguarding standards and DSOs by:

- Helping to deliver high quality safeguarding training
- Managing District DBS applications and the District Database
- Supporting Circuit and Church Safeguarding Officers
- Being committed to your own personal development

The terms of employment will include:

- Salary £16,640 (£16 per hour), with enrolment in the Yorkshire West Methodist District's NEST Workplace Pension Scheme
- 20 hours per week, with flexibility including evenings, and occasional Saturdays (This includes core hours of 9 am to 3 pm on one day per week (to be agreed), which will be dedicated to the work in Yorkshire West District and another day per week (to be agreed), which will be dedicated to the work in Yorkshire North & East District. The remaining hours can be worked flexibly across the rest of the week in agreement with your Line Manager.)
- Home based
- Travel required across the Yorkshire West and Yorkshire North & East Districts.

The geographical area covered by the Yorkshire West District stretches approximately 80 miles from Ingleton in the north to Penistone in the south, and 50 miles from Todmorden in the west to Knottingley in the east. The District is made up of a range of communities and settings, including extensive rural areas, large cities and urban towns, and smaller market towns and villages. Throughout this diverse area there are local Methodist churches of people gathering together as disciples of Jesus Christ to worship God and serve their local communities.

The Yorkshire North and East District includes around 200 churches stretching over nearly 80 miles of the East Yorkshire coast, and across much of North Yorkshire, from Northallerton to Wetherby. The District embraces the cities of York, Hull and Ripon, and includes many rural settings as well as coastal and market towns and suburbs. The District seeks the flourishing of all its members and churches, responding faithfully to God's call in our many and varied contexts.

Full details and an application pack are available on request from admin@ywmethodist.org.uk

Closing date for applications: **Friday, 18th November 2022 at 12 noon**

Interviews will be held on **Thursday, 1st December 2022** at
Yorkshire West Methodist District Office, Touchstone, 4 Easby Road, Bradford, BD7 1QX

Appointment will be subject to receipt of satisfactory references and an enhanced DBS disclosure.