

JOB DESCRIPTION: Progressive Jewish Student Fieldworker

Salary £21,000p.a. (12 month contract, with possibility to extend after probation period)

Hours: 37 hours per week

Based at: 1 day a week — Liberal Judaism, The Montagu Centre, 21 Maple Street, London, W1T 4BE
 1 day a week — Reform Judaism, The Sternberg Centre, 80 East End Road, London, N3 2SY
 1-2 days a week — At either Liberal Judaism or Reform Judaism as appropriate
 1-2 days a week — On campus / events

Accountabilities

Accountable to: Liberal Judaism Director of Youth & Reform Judaism Director of Informal Education

Internal Liaison: LJY-Netzer & RSY-Netzer staff, Liberal Judaism & Reform Judaism staff, Student Chaplain(s)

External liaison: Young adults, students on campus, sixth formers and their families, Liberal & Reform synagogue leadership (lay and Rabbinic), LJY-Netzer & RSY-Netzer bogrim (graduates), LJY-Netzer/LJ Student Chaplain, UJS, JSocs, JHub, Moishe House, LEAPP, Marom and other relevant groups and organisations

Background

The Alliance for Progressive Judaism (Liberal Judaism & Reform Judaism) is looking for an inspirational person who is passionate about Progressive Judaism to provide community building, learning and programming for young adults, focussed towards students on campus.

Purpose of Role

- a. To proactively network with 16-22 year olds, especially progressive movement members and progressive youth movement bogrim, focussing on sixth formers and university students (including post-graduate students).
- b. To develop and nurture young adults and students as progressive Jewish leaders within their peer networks and for the progressive movements.
- c. To conceptualise, design and deliver Jewish social action, educational, social and travel events.
- d. To work with youth movements to promote and support the transition of their graduates from youth movement to university and then the Movement as a whole.
- e. To facilitate connections between progressive synagogues and progressive young adults and students.
- f. To keep record of the Progressive rabbis who act as Chaplains on campus, and facilitate connections between them and Progressive students at the universities which they are linked to.

Key Responsibilities

1. To facilitate Jewish calendar moments, education and social sessions, depending on the demands of young adults and students on campus, as well as travel and residential opportunities.
2. To support the youth movements in promoting events targeted at young adults and students - both on and off campus.

3. To enable young adults to deliver progressive services, social action programmes and educational events on campus.
4. Pro-actively network amongst 16-22 year olds in the Jewish community – especially with progressive synagogue members and LJY-Netzer/RSY-Netzer bogrim, with the aim of engaging them in programmes and expanding the Progressive Jewish Students database.
5. To support all progressively minded students on campus by being in regular contact with them
6. To support students' welfare on campus by working with the Student Chaplain(s), as well as safeguarding and welfare professionals.
7. Enable Progressive Jewish young adults to celebrate festivals or mark key moments in the year sending them out holiday or student packs up to four times a year.
8. Visit university campuses regularly, having one-to-one relationships with individuals; coaching with the aim of developing them as leaders and activists.
9. To recruit and train students to lead on programming on campus and with their peers.
10. Actively make use of social media, as a way to communicate and recruit.
11. Work with synagogues to facilitate relationships with students while away from home.
12. Work with rabbis to encourage them to take up Chaplaincy positions at their local universities, and communicate with those who already do, in order to promote and connect them to students.
13. Liaise with a wide variety of organisations (including UJS, Masorti Judaism as well as international social action organisations) to partner on events that are appropriate and meaningful as well as provide appropriate support for students.
14. Work with youth movements, Liberal and Reform Judaism, lay leadership and Rabbis of Progressive synagogues to identify potential participants for programmes.
15. Work with, support and train synagogue leaders to create programmes for young adults.
16. To organize programming and events for sixth formers and their families who are in the process of applying for University so that they feel supported and see Progressive Jewish Students as an option for them. This includes facilitating on-campus weekends and preparing for student life seminars.
17. Developing resources including online to support young adults and students on campus.
18. Work collaboratively within a team and take responsibility for the specific and overall success of Progressive Jewish Students programmes.
19. To attend communal events such as (but not limited to) Reform Judaism's Chagigah, Liberal Judaism's Day of Celebration and Biennial Weekend events, and Limmud Festival to promote Progressive Jewish Students, create connections across the community, and expand your Jewish and communal knowledge.

A job description cannot be exhaustive. The post-holder will be required to undertake other duties broadly in line with the above responsibilities and of being a member of staff at Reform Judaism and Liberal Judaism. The post-holder may be required to work outside normal working hours. In such circumstances time off in lieu can be agreed with your line manager. There will be no additional salary or overtime payment for working additional or unsociable hours.

Please send a cover letter and CV to Rebecca Fetterman (r.fetterman@liberaljudaism.org) by noon on Friday 26 October.
Interviews will take place in London the week of November 5th.