**JOB ADVERT**

**Educational Advocacy Officer**

**Salary:** £35,000 FTE per annum

**Contractual Hours:** 28 or 35 hours per week (4 or 5 days)

**Contract Type:** Permanent

**Location:** Blatchington Court Trust, 6a Hove Park Villas, Hove, Sussex BN3 6HW (Hybrid working may be available)

BCT prides itself on being a great place to work. Our aim is to support, inform and empower young people with sight loss and their families throughout Sussex. Our services are life changing and we are proud to work with our incredible young people and their families to make positive change. We are seeking to recruit a dedicated and experienced Educational Advocacy Officer to meet the demands of our Educational Advocacy Service; we want to ensure students with sight loss thrive within their educational settings and go on to achieve their full potential.

We are looking for a person that shares our values, who loves a challenge and wants to make a real difference to the lives of young people. Within this role you will be at the forefront of requesting, agreeing and monitoring EHCPs by liaising with parents, schools, relevant professionals, and local authorities, with the voice of the young person at the centre of our work. The job role will involve direct contact with parents, attending meetings, providing information and advice, signposting and attending annual reviews/ other school-based meetings and where necessary, SEND Tribunals. You will support us to optimise the educational chances these young people have by ensuring they receive the most appropriate support, to meet their vision needs and optimise their learning experiences..

In return, you’ll receive a great package of benefits and a friendly and supportive environment in which to grow your career.

**HOW TO APPLY**

**Please access the job pack including the** Job Description, Person Specification and Working for Blatchington Court Trust on our website [www.blatchingtoncourt.org.uk](http://www.blatchingtoncourt.org.uk). You will find lots more information about who we are and the services we provide here.

Candidates for the post should submit a CV along with a supporting statement that addresses how they meet each requirement of the person specification (the statement should be a maximum of two sides of A4 print). Applications should be sent to Sophie Heiser, Advocacy & Well-Being Manager at:

[sophie@blatchingtoncourt.org.uk](mailto:sophie@blatchingtoncourt.org.uk).

If you wish to have an informal conversation with Sophie please call her on 01273 727222.

You should provide the names and contact details of two referees, one of whom is a current or previous employer.

This position is open to all suitably qualified candidates regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage/civil partnership, pregnancy, maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation (as defined in the Equality Act 2010).

The closing date for applications is **15 October 2024** with interviews taking place on **23 and 24 October 2024**. We reserve the right to close the application date early if we receive sufficient applications. Please note that a 40-minute interview will be preceded by a short 15-minute presentation.