



Community Engagement Intern – Macclesfield

- Training contract
- Two positions
- Eleven months
- Accommodation provided
- Small living allowance

1. Hurdsfield

The Church Urban Fund has placed Hurdsfield at number 2,926 out of 12,382 parishes (number 1 being the most deprived parish).

- 28% of housing is social housing.
- 30% of households are lone parent households.
- 39% of people live alone.
- Over 50% of children at Hurdsfield Primary School are on free school meals (national average is 21%).

2. Holy Trinity Hurdsfield (HTH)

We're a vibrant evangelical church in Macclesfield with two Sunday morning services. Our larger one currently attracts about 85 adults and 25 under 18s, plus about 40 joining us online live, with others watching later.

Our **vision** is to follow Jesus passionately, sharing the good news of His amazing love, and seeing people, relationships and our community transformed by Him.

Our **values** describe who we aspire to be: family | authentic | adventurers

This [video](#) will tell you a bit about us and some of what we got up to over the last year. And you can read more about us on our [website](#)

3. Role description

We've been in Hurdsfield since 1838. As part of our vision, we want to invest more time in engaging better with people who don't yet know Jesus. You will share responsibility for some of this work, reporting to our curate.

We're looking for a Community Engagement Intern (two, actually) who shares our vision and values and comes with the passion and creativity to see them worked out in and through our community.

Your role will be to apply the training which we and others will give you to engage creatively with Hurdsfield people. You'll also do this in other areas of Macclesfield where other churches or charities are seeking to do the same thing.

Your work will include, for example, getting to know children, parents and staff at Hurdsfield Primary School, which we've been supporting for decades with assemblies, reading support, and church services like Harvest.

We're looking for someone who's committed to **learning about community work**, and who, as they learn, will:

- help us to reimagine the ways we minister to, and with, the Hurdsfield community
- share with the church their passion for, and what they learn about, community work
- work collaboratively with our curate, youth minister, vicar, two children's ministers, church administrator, the other community engagement worker, and volunteers to fulfil our vision, in line with our values
- organise events which encourage church families to get involved with others in the community, and
- help administer, communicate and publicise our community activities and initiatives.

Here's an example of what your week might look like:

Mon	Morning: training. Afternoon: community engagement exercise. Who did you meet and what methods did you use to engage with them? Evening: community meal (once a month).
Tues	Morning: staff meeting. Afterwards: help at The Green in the Corner (community café) and/or at Cre8's Food Pantry on the Moss Estate.
Wed	Day: Out in parish with curate and team, visiting people who may or may not be connected to the school, church, café, etc. Evening: help with Alpha Course.
Thurs	Schools work, including helping with KidZone (fortnightly youth group held at Hurdsfield Primary School). Visiting women's hostel in Hurdsfield.
Fri	Day off.
Sat	Day off. Attend any church or community events.
Sun	Help with Sunday services (eg welcoming, kids or youth work, worship music).

4. Person specification

We're looking for someone who seeks to:

- **follow Jesus** – you'll be fully committed to serving Jesus yourself, trust in the truth of the Bible and be a good role model for people in HTH and the wider communities we serve
- **share His good news** – you'll be passionate about sharing the good news of the gospel helping people to hear, understand, live out and believe the truth we find in Jesus, and
- **see lives transformed** – you'll be dedicated to serving people and seeing their lives transformed by the Holy Spirit as they learn to follow Jesus.

For this role it's **essential** you:

- have a lively Christian faith and are committed to growing as a follower of Jesus
- communicate well and are passionate about sharing the gospel in word and action

- can work with others as part of a team as well as under your own initiative
- are adventurous and enthusiastic, and have a sense of humour and fun
- are willing to serve and to build relationships across our community
- are organised and able to balance demanding priorities, and
- live locally or are prepared to move here.

It would be **even better** if you can offer one or more of the following:

- recent experience of community work, for example as a volunteer
- a relevant qualification in community work or youth or schools work
- some artistic or musical flair which you can use to enhance your ministry
- skills in using IT, social media and other tech
- experience of working with people with additional needs, and
- a full driving licence.

Other conditions

- This role has a Genuine Occupational Requirement under The Equality Act 2010, Schedule 9, Part 1, an ethos based on religion or belief, and therefore the post-holder must be a Christian.
- We take our safeguarding responsibilities seriously. We will offer the post subject to references and enhanced DBS.

5. Training

You will get relevant training from:

- our highly experienced staff
- our highly experienced volunteers, and
- other organisations such as Macclesfield Town Council and Hurdsfield Primary School.

This will include:

- The core values of community work.
- Engaging well and safely with people, including being aware of the language we use.
- Building good relationships.

6. Our guarantee to you

In return for all you'll bring to HTH and Hurdsfield, we guarantee the following.

- To support you in developing the skills relevant to your role with appropriate **training**, as outlined above.
- To provide your **accommodation** with a church family (including breakfast and evening meals) and a **living allowance** of £200 a month.
- To reimburse you for all the **expenses** that you incur as part of your work.
- To offer you a **mentor**, aside from your line manager, to give you independent support and advice.

7. Contract details

Title:	Community Engagement Intern
Employer:	The PCC of Holy Trinity Hurdsfield
Line manager:	Rev Jonny Frost (Curate)

Work base:	HTH office
Work area:	Hurdsfield and Macclesfield
Hours:	37.5-hour week Flexible working pattern including most Sundays and occasional evenings. Term time only working also possible.
Remuneration:	Accommodation (including breakfast and evening meals) and living allowance of £200 a month
Contract:	11 months. Sept 2022 – July 2023
Training:	This is a training role. We'll organise lots of training for you.
Holidays:	25 days a year

8. Applying

Thank you for taking the time to look at this opportunity.

We're looking for two people who can help us engage better with Hurdsfield people. You can choose **how** you tell us why you would suit this role:

- in writing, **or**
- a video of not more than five minutes.

We'd also like to see **your CV** and contact details for **your 2 referees**.

Please email your application to our curate, Jonny Frost, at jonny@hthmacc.com

If you would like to chat informally about the role first, please call Jonny on 07960 939145.

Closing date: 15 July 2022