



ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

Social Worker

Total Package value up to £40,692 per annum

(comprising salary of £26,825 per annum + food and utilities allowances, free housing and other benefits – details below)

About the role

The Ascension Island Government is currently looking for a passionate, suitably qualified and experienced Social Worker to work within the island community. You'll work within the community to provide a proactive and comprehensive Social Work service, operating in line with the statutory duties and responsibilities of the Ascension Island Government, and with strict adherence to agreed policies, procedures and best practice. The work includes direct case work with children, families and adults, as well as providing advice and expertise to the Ascension Island Safeguarding Children's Board.

What you'll do

As the only Social Worker on Ascension Island, the post holder will be required to provide support to people from varied cultural and social backgrounds. The role requires the Social Worker to work independently, using their own initiative, leading on Safeguarding issues and be the statutory welfare provision for the island in conjunction with partner agencies. The post holder will be a key member of the Ascension Island Safeguarding Children Board and take the lead on relevant policy development. The Social Work role will be guided by the changing needs of the population of Ascension. Taking a community-led approach; the post holder will continue to develop the Social Work role in order to meet the distinct needs of the community on Ascension.

What you'll bring

To be successful, you will hold an approved Social Work England (SWE) qualification and be registered with the SWE (or equivalent). You should have experience of developing relationships with individuals within diverse communities. You will be passionate about trauma informed, community and relationship-based approaches, be accessible and present whilst also being able to manage and maintain professional boundaries in a small island community.

What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of £26,825 (taxable on Ascension), the role attracts an accompanied status contract and these benefits:

- Rent free furnished accommodation worth £3,000 pa (taxable benefit)
- A food allowance of £7,200 a year accompanied or £3,600 single status per year (taxable benefit)
- An electricity allowance worth £938 per year
- A water allowance worth £2,729 accompanied or £1,360 single status per year
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including assistance with shipment of a vehicle
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment for you and your family
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2-year contract
- 30 days annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)
- Free primary dental and medical care
- Free schooling for children from 4 up to 16 years
- Free annual travel insurance

The appointment will be subject to:

- Satisfactory employment references
- Enhanced Criminal Records Check
- Satisfactory Medical Clearance

Closing Date: 24 March 2024 Interviews: Week commencing 2 April 2024 (by Skype if off island).

For more information, job descriptions, and to apply visit: <https://www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/working-here/>