





# The Ulster Project Castleberg/New Orleans Counsellor Job Description



## ***General Description:***

A Counsellor will serve as one of a team of leaders providing guidance and supervision to a team of 12 Northern Irish teens (age 14-16) (and when in the US an additional 12 American teens) participating in a faith-based program designed to promote reconciliation between Protestant and Catholic youth in Northern Ireland.

Ulster Project requires full-time commitment with flexible scheduling throughout the year, with a period of late June through late July to be spent in the USA.

## ***Requirements:***

- Applicants must have a sense of personal responsibility, have a commitment to moral leadership/ social action, and should be a practicing Catholic or Protestant.
- Applicants must be at least age 21.
- Applicants must have demonstrated experience in leading/counseling youth, preferably in a faith-based or school-based setting.
- Applicants must be punctual and available to attend all scheduled Ulster Project events, including sessions prior to the summer schedule.
- Applicants must not express partisan opinions or affiliation with political, paramilitary, or religious entities in/ or associated with Northern Ireland.
- Applicants must be willing to work as part of a team with Northern Irish (and when in US with other American youth leaders). The Northern Irish leaders are the legal guardians of the NI teens while in the US, which unlike the American leaders, positions them as primary decision makers in matters regarding the Northern Irish teens.
- Applicants must be willing to work as directed by outside activity leaders, including Discovery Leaders, Service Project Leaders, and Ulster Project adult volunteers.
- Applicants must use reasonable judgement in protecting the safety of all participants, the public at large, and the reputation of the Castleberg / New Orleans Ulster Project.
- Applicants must be able to communicate pro-actively with the Executive Committee regarding any problem situations.
- Applicants must commit to follow the "Safeguarding Our Teens" guidelines.
- Illegal drug use is prohibited.
- Applicants must be willing to sign release authorizing public relations use of photo/name on behalf of Ulster Project in any public media, including website.
- Applicants must, where required, attend all training as deemed required by Ulster Project.
- Applicants must consent to the Ulster Project undertaking all background checks (including Police checking) that are deemed necessary.



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Why should you represent your parish/church in this project?

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In the space below please include anything else that you think may be relevant or important.

Before proceeding with your application, please ensure you have read sections below:

**This post involves working with children and is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Exceptions) Order (NI) 1979. With some exceptions possession of a criminal record should not, in itself, debar appointment to a post. If your application is successful, you will be required to undertake an Access NI background check and other checks. Please note that all information provided will be treated in confidence.**

**I confirm that all the information I have given in this application is complete and accurate, to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that any inaccuracies or omissions on this form (including information which may be discovered as a result of a background check) may disqualify my application for the Project.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signed)

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(Date)

Thank you for your interest in the Ulster Project



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What qualifications do you have in working with young people?

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What leadership training or experience have you had?

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What particular skills and abilities do you have to offer as a leader?

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What is your experience of working as a member of a team?

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## Detailed Information

Please give as much information as you can, you may also attach additional paper if you need to.

Why are you interested in participating in the Ulster Project?

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What do you hope to gain from the experience?

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What has been your involvement in your parish/church community?

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What is your experience working with young people (Scouts, BB/GB, church youth groups, class or club officer, etc.)?

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Please complete this form in BLOCK LETTERING.

## Personal Information and Contact Details

Full Name (as detailed on passport): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone Number (including code) \_\_\_\_\_

Your E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

(please indicate if this is an address of a friend/relative. If you don't have an e-mail address, please write NO EMAIL ADDRESS)

Date of Birth (DD/MM/YY) \_\_\_\_\_ Name You Go By \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Protestant     Roman Catholic    Your Church/Parish Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle below as appropriate**

Are you free from the end of June until the end of July to spend in the USA?                      YES / NO

Are you willing to promote the aims and objectives of the Ulster Project during regular meetings with Young People and their parents (both prior to and following travel to USA)?                      YES / NO

Do you consent to the Ulster Project undertaking all background checks (including Police checking) that are deemed necessary (See note at end of Application Form)?                      YES / NO

Are you willing to attend all training deemed required by the Ulster Project?                      YES / NO

## Personal References

Please provide the information below two adult individuals who are sufficiently familiar with you to provide a character reference. Applicants will not view comments submitted by references.

**Reference 1:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Role/Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

**Reference 2:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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