Job Advert: Nature Playleader (After School Club)

Organisation: Oasisplay
Location: Oasisplay Nature Garden, Stockwell, London (SW4)
Hours: 7 hours per week (Term-Time Only) + 1 hour/month team meeting
Working Pattern: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm (plus 1 hour flexible planning time per week)
Salary: £16.00 per hour
Contract: Part-time, Term-Time Only* with optional opportunities to cover some Saturday sessions.

*Obligatory staffing attendance at a minimum of three community events per year.

About the Role

Are you passionate about connecting children with nature, wildlife, and the great outdoors? Do you love sparking curiosity through messy, creative, and child-led play?

Oasisplay is looking for an enthusiastic and imaginative **Nature Playleader** to join our team at the Oasisplay Nature Garden. Working as part of our exciting Heritage Lottery Project, you will lead our Tuesday and Thursday after-school sessions—turning our urban green space into a hub of discovery for local children.

What You'll Be Doing

You will have the creative freedom to bring your own ideas to life while exploring key environmental and heritage themes set out by our Project Lead. Your day-to-day will include:

- **Leading Outdoor Adventures:** Planning and delivering hands-on nature activities—from pond dipping and bug hunts to gardening, wildlife conservation, and eco-crafts.
- **Setting the Scene:** Preparing the garden and gathering equipment (pond nets, trays, learning resources) before the children arrive at 3:30 pm.
- **Championing Play:** Facilitating free, inclusive, and child-centred outdoor play in a safe and supportive environment.
- **Keeping Things Running Smoothly:** Ensuring the garden, kitchen, classroom, and outdoor facilities are safe, clean, and securely locked up at the end of the day, alongside logging attendance and simple project feedback.

Who We're Looking For

We are looking for someone who thrives outdoors—rain or shine—and knows how to make nature fun and accessible for children of all backgrounds and abilities. You will need:

- **Experience** working with children (aged 5–12) in a playwork, outdoor learning, youth, or educational setting.
- **Creativity and Initiative** to plan engaging sessions independently while staying connected to our wider Heritage Lottery Project goals.
- **Practical Knowledge** of safeguarding, child welfare, and managing risk in an outdoor play environment.
- **A Collaborative Spirit** to work alongside our Garden Co-ordinator and attend a 1-hour monthly planning meeting with the wider team.

(A qualification in Playwork, Forest School, or Environmental Education, and a current Paediatric First Aid certificate are desirable, though not essential).

Why Join Oasisplay?

- **Make a Real Impact:** Help local children build confidence, resilience, and a lifelong love for urban wildlife and green spaces.
- **Flexible Planning:** Enjoy 30 minutes of paid planning time per session that you can fit around your own schedule.
- **Supportive Community:** Join a welcoming, dedicated team committed to inclusive play and environmental sustainability.

How to Apply

To apply, please send your CV and a brief cover letter (no more than one page) telling us why you'd love to be our Nature Playleader and sharing an example of a nature-based activity you would run with the children.

- **Send applications to:** nature@oasisplay.org.uk
- **Closing Date:** December 4th 2026
- **Interviews:** w/c December 7th 2026

Oasisplay is committed to equal opportunities and welcomes applications from all sections of the community. This post is subject to an Enhanced DBS c