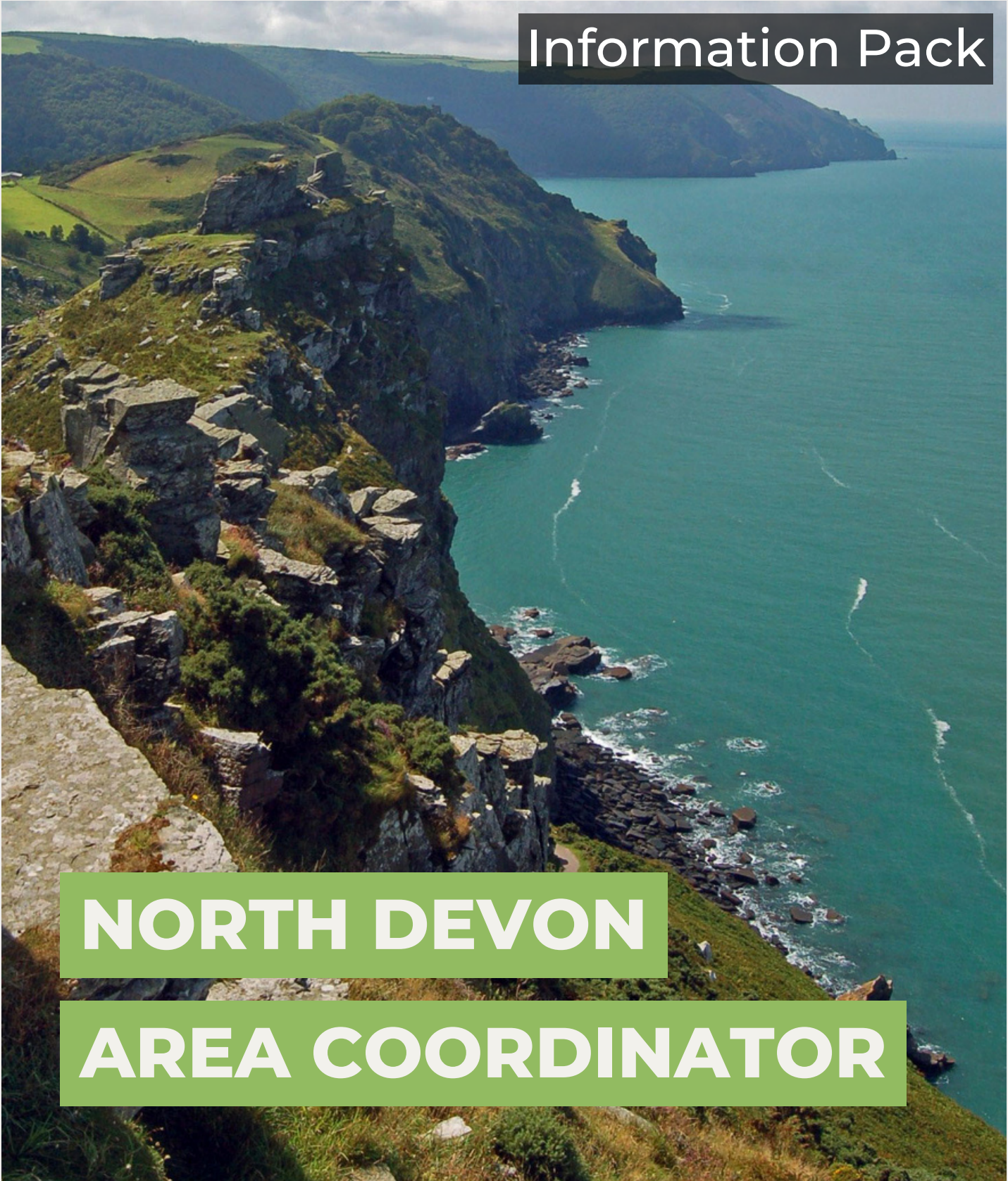




Information Pack

NORTH DEVON

AREA COORDINATOR



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WHO WE ARE

Here at South West Youth Ministries (SWYM), our vision and passion is that every child and young person in the South West would encounter Jesus, come to know him, and make a choice to live for more.

As we work and pray towards this vision, our main strategy is to place trainee children and youth workers with churches, local ministries and schoolwork projects throughout the region. We also resource local churches with training events for youth and children's teams, and by running residentials and leadership development opportunities for young people.



NORTH DEVON AREA COORDINATOR

We are looking for someone to join the team heading up our North Devon area. This will involve working with churches and children's and youth trainees. Each week, the Area Coordinator will run a cluster in the area, where SWYM trainees gather for food, sharing, worship and teaching.

THE ROLE

We are looking for someone to oversee the work of SWYM in North Devon. You will be the first point of reference for churches and individuals enquiring about SWYM locally. You will also advise, support and communicate with Ministry Partners in the area.

Trainee Development

- Run Cluster each Monday with trainees seeking to develop and sustain a supportive group who embody the SWYM Values
- To check trainees week planners, journals and other coursework that needs to be signed off as well as reviewing trainees once a term.
- To help the trainees evaluate their progress through termly reviews and visiting them in situ.



Recruitment

- To seek to connect with potential applicants through networking/presenting about SWYM at local events.
- To negotiate the development of new work in that area, seeking to develop Ministry Partners with placements that are missionally focussed.



Unity projects

- To join in with helping, supporting unity projects that serve children and young people in the area e.g United Generation, Children's worker breakfasts etc...

To be a part of the SWYM Staff Team

- To input into the life of SWYM whilst representing the North Devon Area.



THE PERSON

We are looking for someone with a passion for North Devon and equipping and serving local churches and projects in the county. The successful candidate must have experience in youth and/or children and families ministry and a passion to encourage and support trainees as they serve on the ground.

Essential

- A genuine passion for Jesus and making him known in children and young people's lives.
- Excellent pastoral and relational skills with young adults.
- Ability to encourage, challenge and support others in their discipleship journey, including facilitating theological reflection on ministry practice.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Ability to work to set deadlines.
- Ability to be self-motivated and set own targets.
- Ability to develop new relationships with church and project leaders.
- Experience of encouraging young people/leaders to consider training/ministry in the county.

Desirable:

- Experience of co-ordinating/networking youth and or children's workers in a local area.
- Experience of discipleship courses and supporting those within them.
- Knowledge of applicable legislation, including Safeguarding, Health and Safety, GDPR, inclusion of young people.
- Full UK Driving Licence.

An occupational requirement exists for the post-holder to be a practising Christian in accordance with the Equality Act 2010.

BENEFITS

- 32 days (pro-rata) holiday including bank holidays
- Employer contributions of 4 and 1/2% of gross salary to the SWYM pension scheme

TERMS

Salary: £32k FTE

Contract: Initial one year fixed term contract with possibility to extend

Hours: Part Time (16 hours a week)

Location: The Area Co-ordinator would be based from home but would need to travel around the region for training days, SWYM Staff Team Days, conferences and consultations

Responsible to: Local Ministries Lead

APPLY

To apply for this role send an email to jobs@swym.org.uk with your application form attached. The closing date for applications is 10.00am on Thursday 3rd September 2026. Interviews will be on Friday 4th of September.

