

Senior Landscape Architect – Grade 10-12

Job Focus

Job Category

The job is to take a leading role in the team delivering the Playable Spaces Strategy, which is a £10m programme designed to improve over 250 play areas across the whole of Kirklees. It is expected you will also have some opportunities to work with other Kirklees clients which may include estate regeneration schemes for Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing, SUDS Highway projects and on our wide range of public realm and town centre Blueprint schemes.

Our Playable Spaces Strategy vision is to have a district where all are able and encouraged to access a range of opportunities to play outdoors, benefitting their physical and mental health and well-being as well as encouraging intergenerational interaction and community cohesion.

To achieve this vision the Playable Spaces Strategy aims to:

- provide a diverse range of high-quality play spaces for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds to access challenging opportunities for play, physical activity, contact with nature and social development close to home;
- encourage active play to help build physical strength, increase fitness and teach children vital life skills such as planning, negotiating, being creative and managing risk;
- improve the overall quality of the play offer throughout Kirklees, and the financial sustainability of the network;
- provide a more effective approach to ongoing maintenance and management both within the Council and by fostering greater citizen involvement.

Role Description

You will be part of the core team on the Playable Spaces Strategy. Using the topography of the Kirklees landscape we would encourage you to be imaginative and creative to design innovative ways to play for multiple users. You will be developing and managing the landscape design and contract administration of elements of a strategic design programme to ensure the district has a varied mosaic of play opportunities including both traditional and natural play. You will have the opportunity to make a huge impact on the district and influence how children, families and adults play and use our outdoor spaces.

This is an extensive construction programme with a very ambitious project plan that will require a quick turnaround in relation to creating design schemes, developing tender documents and producing monitoring information.

Within your role you will be working with a number of different stakeholders and across various departments to ensure a joined-up approach is achieved. Alongside your colleagues in the Landscape Architect team you will be working with the Parks & Greenspaces teams,

Communications and IT, for example. You will also be working with Ward Members, local residents and community groups to understand their requirements and create a playable space that is tailor made to suit their needs.

The other programmes of potential work will also involve significant liaison with stakeholders, other colleagues and Ward Members and colleagues and require excellent design and project management with a view to delivering the strategies of the council.

Position of job in organisational structure

You will be reporting to...

Landscape
Architect Manager

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Contractual Variants

DBS Category		DBS Type	
Health Check		Politically Restricted	
24/7 working		Public Holidays	
Night Working		Alternating Pattern	
Standby		Other	