

Mentor Position for the Madinah al-Ilm and Bab al-Ilm Youth Summer Course 2014

Role Description and Person Specification

Role purpose: To assist in the spiritual, social, emotional and intellectual development of the course participants.

Benefits:

- Living expenses with unrestricted participation in all the course activities whilst in Iran.
- Participation in a unique personal development and training schedule.
- Mentors will have the opportunity to share personal experiences and impart experiences and knowledge, whilst developing social and networking skills with a variety of age groups from different cultures.
- Be part of a life-changing experience for yourself and those around you.

Hours:

The mentor

- Is required to be in Iran throughout the period of approximately 31 July to 24 August 2014 as part of the Course, and the training programme prior to the Course.
- Is expected to submit a report on return to their home country as well as participate in debrief sessions, thereby providing useful feedback to enable the Course to progress and develop in the coming years.
- Is also expected to join the organising team based in London and proactively assist this team for the next courses.

Training:

Successful applicants must be able and willing to attend a full-time training session in Qum, Iran for 4 days from 31 July to 3 August 2014.

Key accountabilities:

The mentor will:

- Assist in the personal development of a small group of participants through formal and informal interactions.
- Ensure participants adhere to the rules and schedule of the course.
- Help support and maintain high levels of enthusiasm of the participants throughout the course through educational / Islamic talks.
- Assist the students in their leisure pursuits such as shopping and sports.
- Ensure photos and diaries are provided for The World Federation website.

- Act as a liaison between students and the WF Qum Office.
- Provide regular updates and feedback to the organising team on current progress and make recommendations for improvements.

The mentor will not:

- Organise the overall logistics of the course.
- Be responsible for the participants' primary religious teaching.
- Be responsible for dealing with any serious medical or disciplinary emergencies. These will be dealt with by the WF Qum Office.

Please note: This list is not exhaustive and therefore any further tasks work that may be a part of the mentor's duties may also be incorporated into this schedule at a later date.

Person specification:

Qualifications:

The applicant should *preferably* have completed their A-Levels or equivalent.

Experience:

1. The applicant should *preferably* be a graduate of the Madinah al-Ilm course or be a current or former student of the Hawza of Qum;
2. The applicant should have experience of working with youths of the KSI community;

Specialist skills/knowledge:

1. Ability to give short lectures on Islamic topics;
2. Have a good understanding of Islamic ethics;
3. Ability to administer First Aid. Successful participants who do not possess this can be trained on this after their applications are successful;
4. Knowledge of Farsi is desirable, not essential.

Organisation:

Well organised, plans ahead and highlights problems in advance.

Interpersonal skills:

Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to deal with conflict.

Teamwork:

Able to collaborate with others and contribute as part of a team in order to achieve a common goal, as opposed to working independently or competitively.

Communication:

Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal.

Initiative:

Able to see the 'bigger picture' and to realize the implications of one's actions;

Possessing a proactive approach and attitude to one's duties; sees tasks through to completion.

If you have any questions or require any further information, please email us at madinahbabcourse@world-federation.org