



The Brilliant Club

Recruitment Pack

Community Organiser

(Bedford Parent Power)

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Registered Charity: 1147771 (England and Wales), SC048774 (Scotland)

Registered Office: Fivefields, 8-10 Grosvenor Gardens, London, SW1W 0DH

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Start Date: ASAP

Salary: £10,944.40 per annum (0.4 FTE - salary is pro-rated from £27,361)

Contract Type: Part Time, Fixed term until 31st July 2028

Line Manager: Communities Officer

Location: This is a remote role with no requirement to attend a central office on a regular basis. However, the postholder will need to travel within and around Bedford as part of their role. Occasional travel to organisational events in London or Leeds may also be required.

About the role

We are excited to recruit a Community Organiser for our Bedford Parent Power project, funded by the Harpur Trust. The Brilliant Club will work in partnership with the Harpur Trust, local schools and university partners to engage with parents in Bedford. This role offers a meaningful, paid opportunity to empower parents and carers to address barriers their children face.

Bedford Parent Power utilises the community organising-based model first created by King's College London and Citizens UK with [South London Parent Power](#), which has now grown into a movement of [16 Parent Power chapters](#) across the UK. Parent Power supports parents and carers to develop skills in community organising and advice and guidance on accessing higher education, empowering them to make change to support their children's future and ensure that they have a fair chance in education and their future careers.

Working with us, the Community Organiser will:

- Receive community organising training from [Citizens UK](#) and develop transferable skills;
- Build campaigns to combat local educational barriers with parent/carers communities;
- Support the progression of young people by empowering their parent/carers to become higher education experts;
- Join a nationwide community of community organisers making a significant impact on university access.

About you

The role will best suit someone who:

Essential

- Has knowledge of challenges faced in Bedford's communities.
- Has a demonstrable passion for furthering The Brilliant Club's mission.
- Can adhere to information security policies included in the charity's ISO 27001 manual (information security training provided).

Desirable

- Has prior experience of community focused work.
- Understands the current climate in the UK school system and some of the challenges young people and parent/carers might be facing.
- Understands the barriers young people face to university access and some of the ways these might be overcome.



About The Brilliant Club

What we do

Access to higher education and the life-changing opportunities that come from attending the most competitive universities is not equal. 1 in 3 of the most advantaged students progress to the most competitive universities. In contrast, only 1 in 33 of the least advantaged young people access these universities.

We think this is fundamentally unfair. We work across the UK to support less advantaged students to access the most competitive universities, and to succeed when they get there.

Our programmes support social mobility through a range of approaches:

- Through [The Scholars Programme](#), 15,000 students each year develop the knowledge, skills and confidence needed to access university
- Our pioneering approaches to [university transition and student success](#) ensure that less advantaged students are supported to achieve a strong degree
- [Parent Power](#) empowers parents and carers to become champions for higher education in their communities and address any barriers their children face.

We hope that you'll consider joining us, as we work to create a fairer society where no child's education is limited by their background.

Working for us

- Hours: 15 hours per week (0.4 FTE). We are happy to talk flexible working.
- Benefits include: 36 days' holiday (inclusive of bank holidays) increasing by 1 day per year up to a maximum of 41 days (pro rata for 0.4 FTE), employer contribution to pension, interest-free season ticket loan, professional development day allowance, BUPA health cover cash plan.
- Based: Bedford. Some travel will be required, although some meetings and 1-2-1s may be held online (travel expenses reimbursed).

Our values

The Brilliant Club has three core values that underpin how we work. We look for people who share these values:

- We get to a solution
- We seek and act on the best data available
- We understand that little things go a long way

Diversity at The Brilliant Club

We mobilise the PhD community to support students who are less advantaged to access the most competitive universities and succeed when they get there. We think it is important that our charity reflects the lived experience of the communities we work with, and we want to be an organisation where employees from any background can thrive. We particularly welcome applications from disabled, Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic, Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Trans, Non-binary (LGBTQ+) candidates, and candidates from low-income families.



"I am the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Staff Engagement Lead at The Brilliant Club. My role is to help make the charity an inclusive working environment for all of our colleagues. I work with our amazing [Staff Networks](#) and colleagues in HR to ensure everyone at the charity has a sense of belonging."

Emily - Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Staff Engagement Lead



"As the first in my family to go to university and having worked as a teacher in a state school, I applied to join The Brilliant Club with a real passion for the charity's mission. I am grateful every day that I work at a charity that is supportive of both professional development and flexible working, as well as being full of kind and passionate colleagues."

Leanne, Chief Operating Officer

Safeguarding

The Brilliant Club is committed to proactively safeguarding children, beneficiaries and staff and to taking reasonable steps to protect all those who come into contact with the charity from harm. The safety and welfare of everyone affected by the charity's activities, especially children, is a key governance priority.

As part of our recruitment and selection process and commitment to safeguarding, we will undertake a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check of all individuals in this role. Any offer of employment will be subject to a satisfactory disclosure report.



Responsibilities

The following areas of responsibility are the core of the role. However, the role is flexible and will vary according to the needs of the team, and the background and experience of the successful applicant.

Events Organization

- Organise introduction events at schools and community settings for parent/carers.

Parent/Carer Group Meetings

- Facilitate parent/carers group meetings every six weeks in collaboration with project partners. Sessions in these meetings will provide information, advice and guidance to parent/carers and provide an opportunity to build a team of parent/carers leaders who can drive change in their local communities.
- Build and develop strong relationships with parent/carers to discuss their views and concerns around their children's education, using community organising techniques such as relational 1-1s.
- Plan and deliver some university guidance sessions for parent/carers meetings with support from The Brilliant Club and/or delivery partners.
- Collaborate with delivery partners to plan and deliver a celebratory event for the families of parent/carers on the project.

Communication With Stakeholders

- Maintain excellent communication with The Brilliant Club and other project stakeholders.
- Develop relationships with key community stakeholders.
- Engage with opportunities for development and reflective practice offered by The Brilliant Club.

Impact

- Maintain excellent record keeping and data collection standards to support impact and evaluation of the project.
- Ensure effective management and monitoring of project data, and conduct other administrative tasks as required.

Person specification

Time and Resource Management

- Essential – Able to plan sessions in an organised and efficient manner and adhere to agreed deadlines.
- Essential – Excellent timekeeper, ensuring prompt arrival to meetings and 1-1s; well organised within 1-1s and sessions.
- Essential – Capable of adapting quickly to new systems/ processes.

External Stakeholder Knowledge and Management

- Essential – Knowledge of challenges faced in Bedford's communities
- Essential – Ability to work in a way that promotes the safety and wellbeing of children and young people.
- Essential – Professional approach to problem solving with a range of stakeholders involved in the project.
- Essential – Awareness of role as a visitor within a school and parent/carer community; understanding of the other commitments held by professionals within a school and by parent/carers.
- Essential – Understanding of, and commitment to furthering, The Brilliant Club mission.
- Desirable – Ability to understand and relate to the barriers faced in the local community.
- Desirable – Ability to understand the barriers young people face to university access and some of the ways these might be overcome.
- Desirable – Ability to understand the current climate in the UK school system and some of the challenges young people and parent/carers might be facing.

Communication

- Essential – Awareness of how to engage parents
- Essential – Able to communicate in a timely and professional way with all project stakeholders.
- Essential – Able to take a relational approach to communication with parent/carers, especially in 1-1s.
- Desirable – Experience of group facilitation.

Developing Self and Others

- Essential – Able to identify strengths and areas of development, open to feedback.

Role Specific Knowledge and Skills

- Essential – adhere to information security policies included in the charity's ISO 27001 manual and complete information security training

What comes next:

To apply: Please submit your application by clicking [here](#). As part of your application, you will be asked to submit your CV and complete the answers to some application questions.

Deadline: 9am, Monday 11 May 2026

Interviews: Tuesday 19 May 2026, via Microsoft Teams

For more information: Visit our website or email recruitment@thebrilliantclub.org.

