**Application Form**

**for the post of**

**Support Worker**

**Women’s Support Programme**

**The Suitcase Project**

**Full-time**

**Completed forms should be returned to:**

**Dr Keith Gardiner
Church Growth Officer
Diocese of Down and Dromore**

**Unit 1, 21 Old Channel Road,**

**Belfast BT3 9DE**

**Or alternatively by email to** **kgardiner@downdromorediocese.org**

**Applications must be received by Monday 6 October 2025 at noon.**

**Applications received after this time will not be considered.**

**Interviews will be held on Tuesday 14 October 2025 at the Diocesan Offices**

**(Unit 1, 21 Old Channel Road, Belfast BT3 9DE)**

1. **Personal Details**

 Surname \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Forename(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Name usually known by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Male/female \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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 Permanent address (if different from above)

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 Mobile No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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If you consider that you may require reasonable adjustments to be made to assist you in attending for interview, please state below the arrangements which will need to be made for you to be able to attend: -

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**2. Career History**

Please detail below all your employment/self-employment relevant to your application. Start with your present/most recent employment. Show the name of the employer (or name of company, if self-employed), job title(s), main duties and responsibilities and dates of employment.

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| **Name and Address of present / most recent Employer** | **Job Title/s****Grade/Position** | **From** | **To** | **Reason for leaving** |
|  |  | Month | Year | Month | Year |  |
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(continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

**Please outline the responsibilities of your present or last post highlighting those that you consider relevant to this position.**

**3. Referees**

May we approach your present/most recent employer for a reference if we are considering you for appointment? (Note: approaches will not be made to current employers prior to the issue of an offer of employment, subject to receipt of satisfactory references.)

 Yes. □ No □

 If you answered “No”, please give the reason: -

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Name/Title of person from whom current / most recent employer’s reference should be sought:-

 Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Job Title \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Please supply details of two additional referees. These should be people who know you well and could comment on your suitability for the post but are not members of your family.**

**Name of additional referee 1:**

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 Job Title

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**Name of additional referee 2**:

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**4. Criminal Convictions**

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offence or are there any charges outstanding?

 Yes □ No □

If yes, please give full details. You need not include motoring convictions unless your driving licence has a current endorsement as a result, and you need not include convictions which are “spent” (although details of “spent” convictions may need to be disclosed in an application for a criminal background check, if applicable to the role).

**5. Do you have the right to work in the UK?**

 Yes □ No □

Note: the employer may require proof of this right before an offer of employment can be confirmed.

The remainder of this form is used to record the other qualities and experience which are required from the Person Specification & Job Description (enclosed with the recruitment pack).

Only those applicants who appear from the information contained in the application forms to be the most suitable in terms of relevant experience and ability will be short-listed for interview. You should note that candidates who do not demonstrate below how they fulfil **all** of the essential criteria **will not** be shortlisted for interview. The employer reserves the right to shortlist on the essential criteria only or on the essential and desirable criteria as identified in the Person Specification as may be appropriate.

It is essential that you fully describe in each of the following sections how you meet the particular experience and qualities sought, giving examples and specifying exact dates as appropriate. If necessary, you may attach an additional sheet where there is insufficient space in the boxes provided. If attaching a continuation sheet, please clearly mark on the continuation sheet the section number to which the continuation sheet refers. Please limit your answers to one continuation sheet per section below.

**6. Qualifications**

**6a. With reference to the person specification,** **please demonstrate that you have the essential educational qualifications required for the post.**

6b. With reference to the person specification, please outline any of your qualifications that you believe are relevant to the desirable criteria for this post.

**7. Ethos**

**7a. Please provide an example of how you have demonstrated a commitment to ethical conduct, integrity and responsible stewardship.**

**7b. Please outline your awareness of equality, inclusion, diversity and safeguarding principles.**

**7c. Please provide an example of how you have demonstrated a commitment to justice, dignity and respect for asylum seekers and refugees.**

**8. Experience**

**8a. Please outline your experience, in a paid capacity, of working with migrant or minority ethnic communities, especially women.**

**8b. Please outline your experience of providing one-to-one support.**

**8c. Please outline your experience in facilitating group sessions.**

8d. Please provide an example of your experience of working on your own initiative as well as in a team.

8e. Please outline any areas of your experience that you believe are relevant to the desirable criteria for this post.

9. Skills and Aptitudes

9a. Please provide an example of your organisational skills, and your ability to manage diaries, logistics and records.

9b. Please provide an example of your outreach skills and your ability to engage and build initial connections with women.

9c. Please provide an example of your communicatiom, computer literacy, prioritisation and time-management skills.

9d. Please provide examples of any of your skills that you believe are relevant to the desirable criteria for this post.

11. Other

With specific reference to the job description and person specification, please provide any additional information in relation to your suitability for the post that you wish to give in support of your application, in particular:

* + flexibility and the willingness to work outside of office hours (occasional evening and weekend work)
	+ the ability to travel across Belfast as required

**12. Data Protection statement**

The information that you provide on this form and that obtained from other relevant sources will be used to process your application for employment. The personal information that you give us will also be used in a confidential manner to help us monitor our recruitment process.

If you succeed in your application and take up employment, the information will be used in the administration of your employment. The employer may also use the information if there is a complaint or challenge relevant to this recruitment process.

The employer may check the information collected with third parties or with any other information held by the employer. We may also use or pass to third parties, information to prevent or detect crime, to protect public funds, or in other ways as permitted by law.

By signing this application form it will be assumed that you agree to the processing of sensitive personal data (as described above), in accordance with the principles set out in Data Protection Legislation.

**13. Declaration**

The particulars given by me in this application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if I am found to have given false information or wilfully to have suppressed any material fact, I will be liable to either disqualification or, if appointed, to dismissal.

I consent to the personal data contained in this application form being processed in accordance with the data protection statement above.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_