



## Toy library's successful project looking for more staff

An affordable mobile crèche service for community and public sector organisations, run by the Bulwell Community Toy Library, has proved so successful that it's planning to expand the service and take on new members of staff.

These new jobs will be especially welcome in Nottingham North where for every job available, there are as many as 28 people officially unemployed.

The mobile crèche service was set up by the toy library in September 2010 to give organisations from the community and public sectors an affordable way of providing childcare, to make it easier for parents and carers to attend their events and activities such as training courses for example.

### **Steve Parkinson, Project Manager at the toy library says:**

*"A lot of colleges and training providers have been using our mobile crèche service and have been really pleased with it.*

*The word is now spreading and more organisations have already started to book the service for the coming academic year.*

*It looks as if we'll be providing around double the number of mobile crèche sessions from September, which is why we're keen to recruit new staff over the summer.*

*We would like to hear from experienced childcare workers with an NVQ Level 2 or 3 in Child Care."*

As long as the venue is suitable, the toy library can run a mobile crèche for children aged from 0 to 8 years anywhere in Nottingham City.

The service includes qualified staff from the toy library to run the crèche, plus toys, games and activities hand-picked to suit the needs of each mobile crèche session.

For example, crèche sessions can be tailored for children with physical or learning disabilities or for children from different ethnic and cultural backgrounds.



**Steve continues:**

*"We set up the mobile crèche service to give community and public sector organisations an affordable way of providing better childcare facilities for parents and carers.*

*In turn, this has made it easier for people with young children to get involved in their community or to benefit from training courses and so on.*

*Any profit we make from running the service is re-invested back into the toy library, which helps us to support more local families. It's helped us to become more sustainable."*

The toy library has been working with families for over 30 years and the crèche service is run in line with all current regulation, guidance and best practice.

It costs £33 per hour for two members of staff from the toy library plus toys and equipment. If the ages or numbers of children an organisation needs to cater for require more staff the toy library can provide this for a small additional charge.

**If you're interested in working for the toy library's mobile crèche service and you're an experienced childcare worker with NVQ Level 2 or 3 in Child Care please call Steve Parkinson on 0115 975 3898 or email [steve@toy-library.co.uk](mailto:steve@toy-library.co.uk)**

**Alternatively you can find out more on the toy library's website [www.toy-library.co.uk](http://www.toy-library.co.uk)**