

## **Education Advocate**

- **Initial 24-month contract (subject to funding)**
- **16 hours per week**  
**Salary: £33,867 (based on a 32-hour full-time week)**
- **Pro rata salary for 16 hours: £16,933 per annum**

Angel Eyes NI works alongside children and young people with visual impairment and their families to remove barriers, build confidence, and ensure they can access the opportunities they need to flourish.

We combine direct support, training, research and innovation to improve outcomes and influence how systems work. Our focus is on what children and young people can do - supporting independence, participation and choice. We value lived experience and recognise the insight this brings to our work.

### **The Role**

Reporting to the Services Manager, the Education Advocate will play a key role in supporting children, young people and families to access, understand and influence education systems.

This role is both practical and strategic - providing direct support while also identifying patterns, gaps and opportunities to improve how education systems support pupils with a visual impairment.

The successful candidate will be self-driven, solution focused, and committed to improving outcomes for children and young people.

### **Core Responsibilities**

- Provide education support, advice and guidance to parents/carers, children and young people through 1:1 and group support
- Build the confidence and knowledge of families and children and young people to understand what good support looks like, enabling them to advocate effectively within the education system
- Support children, young people and families to prepare for and engage in school and Education Authority meetings
- Work directly with children and young people to help them understand their needs, build confidence, and play an active role in shaping the support they receive

- Work alongside schools and professionals to promote positive, solutions-focused communication
- Support early engagement with families, helping to ensure timely access to appropriate support
- Deliver workshops and facilitate peer support opportunities for parents/carers and young people where appropriate
- Signpost and refer families to appropriate services and supports
- Identify barriers, gaps and patterns within education experiences and contribute to service development and influencing work
- Collate, record and use data to evidence impact, inform reporting, and improve practice
- Contribute to organisational reporting, including funder reports and internal insights
- Support awareness raising and engagement activities with stakeholders where appropriate
- Contribute to ensuring our services and communications are accessible and inclusive
- Undertake ongoing professional development to strengthen service delivery

### **General Responsibilities (All Staff)**

- Understand and commit to Angel Eyes NI policies and values
- Promote and further the organisation's vision and mission
- Contribute to wider organisational activities as required
- Complete an Access NI check due to working with children

The role requires the ability to travel across Northern Ireland. We welcome applications from candidates who may require reasonable adjustments or alternative arrangements to meet this requirement.

## Essential Criteria

- A teaching qualification recognised for grant-aided schools in Northern Ireland
- Strong understanding of the Northern Ireland education system and relevant legislation
- Understanding of the impact of disability on a child's educational experience
- Ability to communicate professionally, with integrity and clarity across a range of stakeholders
- Ability to work independently, prioritise effectively and manage a varied workload
- Strong IT skills including Microsoft Office, online platforms and database systems
- Ability to present information clearly to a range of audiences
- An empathetic, strengths-based approach when working with children and families

## Desirable Criteria

- Experience or knowledge of visual impairment
- Understanding of Special Educational Needs processes and children's rights

## Remuneration & Benefits

We want our staff to feel valued, supported and able to do their best work. We offer:

- A flexible working environment
- A 4-day working week (pro rata for part-time hours)
- Hybrid working, minimum one day per week in office
- Term-time or alternative working arrangements (including summer working patterns) will be considered
- 8% employer pension contribution
- Generous annual leave

- Ongoing professional development opportunities

## **Inclusive Recruitment**

We actively welcome applications from people with lived experience of visual impairment and disability.

We are committed to creating an inclusive workplace and will provide reasonable adjustments throughout the recruitment process and in the role itself.

If you require information in an alternative format, would like to submit your application in a different format, or wish to discuss adjustments, please contact: [\*\*sara@angeleyesni.org\*\*](mailto:sara@angeleyesni.org)

## **Apply**

**To apply, please submit your CV along with a covering letter outlining how you meet the essential criteria to:**

[\*\*sara@angeleyesni.org\*\*](mailto:sara@angeleyesni.org)

**Closing date: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**Interviews will be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2026**

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