

Welcome to Leeds – a child friendly city

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Director of Children and Families – Up to £163,789

As our new Director of Children and Families you'll relish the opportunity to ensure we are the best we can be and bring real change to children and families in Leeds.

Our vision is for the city to be a great place to grow up; a child friendly, compassionate, sustainable and economically successful city where children and young people feel welcome, safe, and where they have the right opportunities and support to achieve their full potential. A key part of this is listening – giving our young people a voice at the top table to tell us what it is like to grow up in Leeds.

We're getting it right. Ofsted have rated us as Outstanding in our overall effectiveness, and through the Strengthening Families Protecting Children programme we are now supporting other local authorities to improve the lives of their children and young people too.

At Leeds City Council we have a culture of excellence and are continually striving to drive up standards. We are building on the recommendations of a positive peer review in November 2022 to help us deliver the next phase of our [Best City Ambition](#).

We still have the professional challenges that you would expect within a large and diverse city, alongside the more recent impact of COVID-19. Therefore, it is vital that we continue to be close to the detail and we expect our Director of Children and Families will bring experience of operating within a similar setting. You should be someone who collaborates well – working with colleagues, partners (including schools, colleges, health and the third sector) and the community to really understand what people need. You should also have experience of leadership within a 'high support, high challenge' culture. Leeds is an ambitious city and if you can offer a compelling track record and the desire to build on good practice it is the ideal place to influence and shape innovation – at home, in schools and further afield.

We're putting children and young people at the heart of a strong economy, in a compassionate city. You could be a part of it.

For more information or to arrange a discussion with Tom Riordan CBE, Chief Executive, about the role please contact PA.ChiefExec@leeds.gov.uk

Closing Date – Monday 19th June 2023

Selection Date – Friday 7th July 2023