

Sewing Teacher Position Description

Position Title	Sewing Teacher
Name of Department	Sewical Initiative (Women's and disengaged Youth Group)
Hours and Days required per week	Program: Thursdays 1pm - 6pm, during the school term.
Reports to	Lisa Buchner, Program Director
Role or project overview and how it relates to Jewish Aid's mission.	<p>JAA's Sewical Initiative is a sewing and English support program for both women and their pre-school children from Darfur & Nuba Mountains; and disengaged youth, aged 13-19 years, all whom reside in the Dandenong area.</p> <p>This is a free and easily accessible support project for newly-arrived refugees to help reduce the current linguistic, social and cultural barriers and promote cultural sharing and relationships. This program also caters for the youth in the area, providing similar support in sewing skills and relationship building.</p>
Key Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lead two 'Sewing Initiative' classes each week, one for a group of 10-15 newly arrived refugee women and the second one for disengaged youth ○ Teach sewing along with other arts & crafts activities ○ Provide instruction and demonstration of basic stitching, use of basic patterns for bags, cushion covers and clothing items, means for mending damaged clothing and other alterations, basic machine use, and basic machine maintenance ○ Prepare course material and provide handouts to all participants ○ Communicate information with enthusiasm, clarity and patience ○ Ensure safe and appropriate use of all equipment ○ Guide the volunteers to ensure supported learning for all group participants ○ Liaise regularly with the Sewical Initiative Program Coordinator to advise on program developments or requirements, and to promptly report on any concerns
Skills, experience and attributes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Experience and medium-level skills in sewing machine and overlocker use, mending of clothing, and use of patterns

	<p>for making new clothing items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ability to cater for individual differences in both abilities and personal experiences. ○ Experience in assisting and/or teaching small groups is desired ○ Outstanding verbal and interpersonal skills, with the ability to communicate cross-culturally and relate to a broad range of people with varying English language levels ○ Reliability and flexibility ○ Respect confidentiality at all times ○ Maintain a positive, optimistic and non-judgemental attitude ○ Respects the beliefs, religion and culture of newly arrived refugees from the Horn of Africa ○ Maintain a strong commitment and work ethos
	<p>Other requirements for the role:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Induction training ○ Police check ○ Working with children check

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