



Youth Arts Worker

Job Description & Person Specification

Job Title: Youth Arts Worker
Reports to: Arts Facilitator
Hours: Flexible. Includes evenings, weekends, and school and statutory holiday periods.
Rate: £12.50 per hour
Location: Lyra, Artspace, 11 Harewood Road, Edinburgh, EH16 4NT
Contract: Freelance

Reporting to Lyra's Arts Facilitator and working with freelance delivery Artist's, the Youth Arts Workers role is to provide the best pastoral, creative and practical support in each session with our groups of young people (Young Artists) aged between 5-24 years old within the Greater Craigmillar area.

This is an active role for a person ideally engaged/interested in any performing art who has experience in working with vulnerable children and young people. As an important part of the delivery team, Youth Arts Workers are required to fully take part in sessions and facilitate creative approaches to managing and supporting participants. This role is suitable for an enthusiastic and motivated person who is able to act as positive role-model for children and young people.

Main responsibilities include:

- Assisting professional artists to engage children and young people taking part in the programme
- Chaperoning groups from their school to Artspace for workshops
- Providing essential behaviour management on a wider group and 1-2-1 basis, allowing the sessions to run smoothly and stay on task
- Working collaboratively with the Arts Facilitator to effectively manage any challenging behaviour or inclusion needs
- Taking registers
- Preparing healthy snacks and other meals for participants
- Representing Lyra in a positive manner and creating a good rapport with our Young Artists and their families
- Being open to joining in with Drama, Music and Dance activities
- Confidently supporting games / activities
- Cleaning and tidying up spaces after activity, encouraging children to take part in supporting this
- Working with the Arts Facilitator, Artists & Young Artists towards development of a performance piece



Person Specification:

Essential

- Experience of working with children and young people in a paid or voluntary capacity
- Confidence in effectively communicating with children and young people and managing behaviour
- Excellent communication skills
- Ability to motivate and oversee a group of children and young people through a performing arts programme and professional production
- Experience of working in a fast-paced and demanding environment that takes child-centered approach
- Ability to handle sensitive information in a professional manner, and in line with our policies
- Ability to review the development of children and young people we work with

Desirable

- An arts based practice or interest in working with children and young people in a performing arts environment
- An awareness and understanding of equality and diversity
- Commitment to personal and professional development

To apply, please send an up-to-date CV with a brief cover letter (no more than one side of A4 or 2-min video format) outlining your interest and suitability for the role to lyra@lyra.co.uk by **10am on Wednesday 20th March 2019.**

Successful candidates will be required to join our **Training Day on Monday 1st April, 10am-2.30pm at Artspace, 11 Harewood Road, Edinburgh, EH16 4NT** (lunch will be provided). Applicants that successfully complete the Training Day will be required to join the PVG scheme, the cost of which will be covered by Lyra.