DREAMARTS

JOB DESCRIPTION

**Job Title** **Performance Company Support Practitioner**

**Organisation** DreamArts

**Responsible to** Performance Company Director, Project Producer, Chief Executive

**Salary** £13 per hour delivery / planning & meetings.

**Hours** 4 hours during Experiment term-time 1pm – 5pm every Sunday for 2 terms:

TERM 1: 3rd October 2021 – 5th December 2021 *(not October 24th or 31st)*

TERM 2: 16th January – 27th March

*(plus extra rehearsals in lead up to final performance in March)*

**Primary Work Location** Sundays; City of Westminster College, 25 Paddington Green, London W2 1NB

**1. Overview**

Winners of Outstanding Organisation at the Westminster Community Awards, and described by The British Theatre Guide as ‘one of London’s leading youth arts companies’, DreamArts uses the arts to enable young people to realise their true potential. Our projects give members a safe place; somewhere they are empowered to explore who they are, make positive life choices, and build positive relationships. DreamArts Experiment develops the personal, social and creative skills of up to seventy 8-19 year olds on Saturdays and Sundays.

Our Performance Company is made up of our 13 – 19 members, and focusses on a more detailed and experimental exploration of devising performance. Recently our Performance Company worked with multi-award winning internationally renowned company Les Enfants Terribles to create a piece of new site specific theatre that dealt with diverse contemporary issues and themes.

**2. Job Description**

You will be responsible for providing a support service for DreamArts’ Performance Company. You will be primarily responsible for the pastoral wellbeing of the members, and be able to assist the Performance Company Director in enabling the participants to explore many different aspects of theatrical creativity. You will be an integral part of the Experiment Team and support the development and implementation of a programme which is educative, participative, empowering, and fun, and which aims to further DreamArts Theory of Change.

The focus of the role includes; Helping those with particular needs, undertaking small-group or 1-on-1 support as necessary, noting any particular issues or support needs, making appropriate interventions and reporting them during debriefs and assisting the director with any creative or performative tasks.

**3. Responsibilities**

1. Work alongside the Performance Company Director.
2. Receive training from DreamArts in a PACE (Playful, Accepting, Curious, Empathic) approach to working with children and young people and implement with members.
3. Ensure members behave positively and appropriately at all times and report incidents to Performance Company Director and Project Producer.
4. To supervise food breaks and toilet breaks.
5. To assist with daily sign ins/out, and attend and contribute to debriefs
6. To work as part of a professional team in the delivery of a high quality service, including the implementation of programme monitoring and evaluation systems as established by DreamArts.
7. To support the Project Producer, other staff and volunteers in the development of the overall DreamArts programme.
8. To attend regular supervision, team, training and other appropriate meetings as directed by the Project Producer
9. To assist in the coordination of regular performances to showcase the achievement of members
10. To undertake any appropriate work DreamArts so requires

**4. Person Specification**

1. Proven track record in working with children and young people to support their personal and social development
2. Proven track record in supporting the delivery of performing arts work with children and young people *(desirable emphasis on devising and/or immersive theatre)*
3. Experience of working in multi-cultural, inner-city environment
4. Experience of working with SEND and emotionally vulnerable young people
5. Experience of working as part of a team.
6. Experience of monitoring and evaluating work with young people
7. Ability to work successfully as a member of a team, working with others to ensure children are empowered and inspired to participate, learn and enjoy
8. Understanding of boundaries and safeguarding
9. Working knowledge of health and safety
10. Enthusiastic, flexible, creative and positive
11. Fully committed, punctual and able to always prioritise DreamArts on relevant working days.
12. Strong communicator
13. Able to overcome obstacles, and to work under pressure

**How to apply**

**Deadline** **Monday 6th September at 12 midday**

**Interview** **Monday 13th & Wednesday 15th September.**

**Start Date** **Saturday 25th September 2021**

**Send an email with the following:**

* put your name and the post you are applying for as the subject of the email
* attach your **CV** and complete the **Freelance Application Cover Letter** explaining why you would be the best person for the post to DreamArts Director Graham Whitlock at [graham@dreamarts.org.uk](mailto:graham@dreamarts.org.uk) and cc [david@dreamarts.org.uk](mailto:david@dreamarts.org.uk)