DREAMARTS

JOB DESCRIPTION

**Job Title** **Saturday Smalls Support Practitioner**

**Organisation** DreamArts

**Responsible to** Senior Support Practitioner, Project Producer, Chief Executive

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

**Hours** 5 hours during Experiment term-time 9.30am – 2.30pm every Saturday for 2 terms:

TERM 1: 2nd October 2021 – 4th December 2021 *(not October 23rd or 30th)*

TERM 2: 15th January – 26th March 2022

*(plus Mon 14th & Tues 15th March 2022 6pm – 8pm, and Sat 19th & Sun 20th March for*

*the DreamArts Gala tech, dress and performance 10am – 6pm)*

**Primary Work Location** Saturdays; The Abbey Centre, 34 Great Smith Street, Westminster, London SW1P 3BU

**1. Overview**

Winners of Outstanding Organisation at the 2016 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.

**2. Job Description**

You will be responsible for providing a support service for DreamArts’ weekend programme. The focus will be to supervise and care for ‘Smalls’ members (7-9 year olds), with a particular emphasis on supporting those identified as having additional needs. 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 is to act as the main point of contact for Smalls members and to support their participation in their creative sessions. This 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.

**3. Responsibilities**

1. Work alongside Skills Facilitators within each session.
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 Senior Support Practitioner and/or Project Producer.
4. To supervise Smalls 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 Senior Support Practitioner, 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
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)