



Job description

Job Title	Vocal & Songwriting Facilitator (Sunday)
Organisation	DreamArts
Responsible to	Project Producer
Contract type	Freelance
Dates	October 2022 – March 2023 (extend annually)
Hours	3.5 hours during Experiment term-time 10:30am – 3:00pm every Sunday or Saturday for 2 terms, plus 2 hours per week planning, and 4 additional hours of planning per term.
Salary	Session fee is £133 broke down as £28.00 per hour delivery (3.5 hrs) / £14 per hour planning (1 hour debrief + 1.5 hours planning weekly). The facilitator is expected to attend the classes/session 10 minutes before they are due to begin to set up.

Dates

Team Planning Day: Saturday 24 September, 10am-3pm

TERM 1: 9th of October - 4th of December 2022 (half term break on weekend of 29/30 October).

TERM 2: 15th January – 12 of March & 19 March Gala, + 26 March evaluation with participants (half term break on weekend of 18/19 February) plus 1 evening rehearsals TBC

Location City of Westminster College, 25 Paddington Green, London W2 1NB

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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 fuses arts and therapy to transform young lives.**

Our projects give members a safe place to explore who they are, understand their challenges and build their strengths.

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'DreamArts has a profound impact on the lives of young people and is a model of exemplary practice.' The Royal Central School of Speech & Drama

The programme

DreamArts fuses arts and therapeutic practice to support wellbeing. Our acclaimed EXPERIMENT Programme engages 7-19-year-olds to explore and unleash their talents, try things out, express themselves and grow their skills. EXPERIMENT engages young people living in areas with some of the highest levels of child poverty in the UK. Participants take control and create their own original work, from musicals to short films, collaborating with leading facilitators and companies such as Les Enfants Terribles. EXPERIMENT takes place on a Saturday in South Westminster and on Sundays in North Westminster plus some special projects during school holidays; no other equivalent affordable programme exists in Westminster, the heart of UK Theatreland.

We are looking for team members who are able to **inspire and support** young people to devise their own work, that are **passionate about engaging participants from marginalised communities**, and are committed to **support wellbeing through the arts**. As a member of the DreamArts family you will **access professional practice development** including how to apply therapeutic approaches within your planning and delivery.

In in last year's staff satisfaction survey 100% of team members felt inspired at DreamArts to do their best at their job, and 100% said that their voice and skills matter at DreamArts.

DreamArts is committed to providing an integrative and inclusive programme and not to discriminate on the grounds of race, ethnic origin, nationality, or culture. We are also committed to becoming a more diverse and culturally representational organisation, therefore any applicant that identifies from a minoritized background and meets the essential criteria will be automatically selected for an interview.

2. Job Description

The candidate will be working with two groups of our regular Junior members ('Small' aged 7- 9yrs and 'Medium' aged 10-12yrs). You will facilitate group dance and movement that will empower members to produce their own original work, including two 20-minute mini-musicals to perform at our Gala. You will part of a vibrant team and be able to balance process and end product, delivering a programme that is 'community with a commercial edge'.

Key responsibilities include

1. To plan, develop and deliver skill-based sessions in song and vocal development for the DreamArts Weekend Programme.
2. To ensure there is an equal balance between creative development and the growth of personal and social skills.
3. To guide and support members through the devising process, resulting in a performance of two new mini-musicals.
4. To ensure that sessions are participatory, empowering and achieve DreamArts Theory of Change outcomes.
5. To provide written a Scheme of Work (termly), written Session Plans prior to each session and Session Reviews post-delivery (weekly).
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 attend and contribute to daily debriefs to assess how sessions have gone in terms of participants' creativity and wellbeing.
8. To ensure that the principals of inclusivity, , participation and equal opportunities are adhered to in all delivery work.

Person Specification

- At least 2 years' experience of devising and delivering young person centred programmes in their specialist skill within an arts or educational setting.
- Experience of working with, and an awareness of the needs of younger learners.
- Experience of working in multi-cultural, inner-city environment
- Experience in and/or a passion for musical theatre.
- Proven track record of group devising and/or song-writing.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.
- Excellent oral communication skills.
- Working knowledge of boundaries and safeguarding
- Proven track record of working with vulnerable and hard-to-reach young people.
- A team player with a high level of initiative and a willingness to 'muck-in'.
- Fully committed, punctual and able to always prioritise DreamArts on relevant working days

How to apply

Deadline Monday 18th of July 2022 12pm

Interview TBC

Start Date 24 September 2022 (Team Planning & Induction)

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 the **DreamArts Freelance Application Cover Sheet** including the section explaining why you would be the best person for the position..
- Application to be sent at angela@dreamarts.org.uk and cc graham@dreamarts.org.uk

DreamArts is an Equal Opportunities employer. Staff are required to adhere and advance our Anti-Discrimination policy and comply with our Code of Conduct and Safeguarding Policy.