



Louder Than Words Assistant Facilitator Job Description

About Louder Than Words (LTW):

LTW is a free therapeutic youth theatre group for up to 10 young people aged 7-15 with additional needs. The group has always been led by a trained Dramatherapist, supported by a team of assistants and staffed on a ratio of 7 adults to 10 participants. Needs in the group currently range from participants with ASD, Global Developmental Delay, Downs Syndrome, ADHD and Attachment Disorders. Participants do not need a formal statement of SEN to join the group. LTW provides a structured, safe space for participants to be themselves, celebrate their differences, and tell their own stories around a theme. We have always worked towards end of term 'sharings' and film projects for invited audiences. Since its founding in 2013, the group has grown from strength to strength and are now ready for more challenges.

As of September 2018 the leadership of the group will now be shared between a Dramatherapist (lead facilitator) and a new role of Assistant Facilitator. This allows for a balance between therapeutic approaches, drama activities and pastoral care needed for the group to produce creative work together.

Job responsibilities and duties:

General:

- Working with the LTW Dramatherapist and Youth and Community Officer to plan and deliver terms of ten sessions appropriate for the participant age range, taking into consideration the individual needs of group members.
- Sharing the leadership of the group with the Dramatherapist, with an emphasis on creating clear, safe routines for participants, pastoral care/behaviour and creating a product (e.g. a film or sharing performance), which represents the group's ideas.
- Working with the Youth and Community Officer in accordance with a year-long delivery arc, allowing enough time to produce a solid outcome for the showcase performance. Liaise with the Youth and Community Officer about production details and any materials needed, ensuring they are gathered prior to the session.

During sessions:

- Leading the opening and closing routines for the group, working with the Dramatherapist to ensure these link thematically to the content of the session.
- Work closely with the Participation Assistant(s) and leading on pastoral care and monitoring behaviours of the group, while the Dramatherapist leads on creative content of the session.
- Leading/creating songs, chants and rhythm exercises, planned with the Dramatherapist as part of the session. Lead on administration for the session: including registers, evaluation forms, and accident and incident forms as required.
- Welcome and say farewell to participants, talking to their families about any progress or issues during the session.



- Adhere to Travelling Light's ethos as well as Health & Safety, Safeguarding, Equality & Diversity and Code of Conduct policies at all times

Opportunities:

- Opportunity to work with a professional theatre company
- Opportunity to deliver sessions to a diverse range of young people
- Opportunity to work towards a performance
- Support from Travelling Light's Youth and Community Officer and team

Key Information:

Line Management: This post is line managed by the Youth and Community Officer

Session dates and times:

LTW runs for ten weeks during school term time at the following times:

Mondays 17.30-18.30 (We ask staff to be there from 17.00)

Autumn Term Dates:

Participation Team Training – 13th September 2018

w/c Monday 24th September – w/c Monday 3rd December 2018

HALF TERM (no session): Monday 29th October 2018

Spring & Summer Term Dates 2019 TBC.

Location: Travelling Light Studios, Barton Hill Settlement, 43 Ducie Road, BS5 0AX

Pay: This post is offered on a casual working PAYE contract at a sessional rate of £30 per session inclusive of planning. Meetings, staff reviews and staff training are paid at £10 per hour. Casual staff are entitled to accrue holiday pay and eligible staff are entitled to join the Travelling Light pension scheme.

Interviews

If called to interview you will need to be available on the following dates:

Interviews – **18th – 19th June 2018**