

Strike A Light Lead Youth Theatre Practitioner - Job Description 2019

Strike A Light is a Gloucester based organisation striving to make Gloucester a city with a vibrant culture for all. We want to ensure that young people can access opportunities to participate in cultural activity no matter what their personal circumstances.

Strike A Light is seeking an experienced Lead Youth Theatre practitioner for their young people's engagement offer in Gloucester. We are looking for practitioners with a real commitment to enabling young people to fulfil their potential. From May 2019, we require a Lead Youth Theatre Practitioner to deliver on Wednesday evenings, during term-time, for two groups of young people. We want the young people we engage with to be the driving force behind the development of their Youth Theatre, and wish for the Lead Youth Theatre Practitioner to be part of shaping this inclusive offer.

Delivery happens on a Wednesday evenings (during term-time), 6.00-7.30pm & 7.30-9.00pm.

If you feel you meet the requirements from the job description, and would like to have an informal chat regarding the role we would love to hear from you, please email christina@strikealightfestival.org.uk

Job Description

- To lead productive, engaging, inclusive, safe and enjoyable sessions/ rehearsals that are suitable for young people aged 11-18 years (11-16 years group & 16-18 years group)
- To ensure that procedures to monitor attendance and progress of individual young people are followed
- To communicate with SAL Youth Arts Producer and provide regular updates on sessional delivery, pastoral welfare and wellbeing of groups
- To be an excellent role model for young people
- Provide a strong inclusive artistic vision for the groups
- Empower young people to make creative decisions and produce high quality work, which has their needs and interests at its heart
- To ensure compliance at all times with SAL's equal opportunities, child safeguarding and Health & Safety policies and practices
- Engage a wide range of young people with sensitivity and professionalism
- Oversee and support the Assistant Youth Theatre Practitioner & volunteers
- To work with SAL to ensure that all Youth Theatre activities are well publicised and participants are appropriately supported

Person Specification Essential

- Extensive experience working with young people (11-18 years of age) in a theatre practitioner setting
- Experience in devising contemporary theatre with, for and by young people
- Knowledge of current Youth Theatre trends
- Experience delivering workshops in primary and secondary schools
- Experience creating showcases for young people's work
- Experience with administrative tasks as part of delivering workshops
- Ability to engage with young people from different backgrounds
- Ability to be flexible to the needs of the young people and responsive to their interests
- Motivated to ensure all young people have access to arts provision
- Good organisational skills
- Good time-keeping

Person Specification Desirable

- Drama/Theatre qualification to degree level or relevant training
- Experience working with other forms especially physical theatre, circus
- Gloucestershire-based
- Knowledge and experience of best practice in Safeguarding
- Ability to drive and have access to a vehicle
- First-Aid qualification (to be covered by Strike A Light)
- Current DBS Check (to be covered by Strike A Light)

How to apply

Please send a CV, along with an Expression of Interest (maximum 2 sides of A4) to include the following information:

1. What involvement do you currently have with the creative sector, through education, clubs or voluntary activities
2. What excites you about your work?
3. Why do you think you are the person we are looking for to undertake this role?
4. What do you envisage to be the challenges of doing this work?

Please send your CV, Expression of Interest and Equal Opps monitoring form by email to: christina@strikealightfestival.org.uk deadline for receipt of is 5pm, Monday 22 April

2019. Applications received after this time will not be considered.

Successful applicants will be invited to an interview and a 90 minute evening trial delivery on **Wednesday 1st or 8th May**, delivery will be remunerated.

Terms of contract

This is a freelance post at the following remuneration: £145 fixed fee per evening of delivery - this fixed fee is inclusive of planning time, meetings and travel expenses.

The successful person will be responsible for their own tax and National Insurance contributions and need to hold their own public liability insurance.

The Lead Youth Theatre Practitioner will also need to hold a current Enhanced DBS check registered with the update service. In the absence of this documentation, the successful person will need to be willing to apply for a check - SAL can provide support on how to do this.

Please let us know if you have any particular requirements for the interview day.