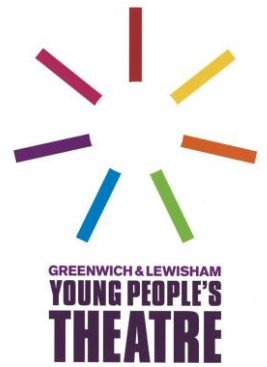


## Freelance Drama Tutor: Whatever Makes You Happy



### About GLYPT & Whatever Makes You Happy

Greenwich & Lewisham Young People's Theatre (GLYPT) has an established reputation, built over 40 years, as a leading creator of accessible and innovative participatory and performance work for young people. GLYPT works across Greenwich and Lewisham but also London-wide. Our mission is to excite, enthrall, and embed learning in children and young people through high-quality creative experiences.

GLYPT runs an extensive participatory programme of 19 weekly workshops in drama, dance and parkour, for ages 2-25, with an established supportive programme for vulnerable young people. GLYPT also delivers participatory education and outreach projects, and produces professional theatre, touring schools and at its venue: The Tramshed in Woolwich.

Funded by BBC Children in Need and Maudsley Charity, *Whatever Makes You Happy* is a drama programme for vulnerable young people in Greenwich and Lewisham (in partnership with the Horniman Museum and Gardens). The project aims to increase good mental health and wellbeing, develop resilience, increase self-esteem and build communication and social skills.

For young people to join the programme we require a professional referral. Most participants are referred by CAMHS services to improve the mental health and wellbeing of young people or because the young people are at risk of receiving a mental health diagnosis in the future.

The sessions are delivered in partnership between a Drama Tutor and Arts Therapist alongside a Support Tutor and volunteers.

Sessions take place after school and early evening on Mondays (at The Horniman Museum and Gardens) and Wednesdays (at The Tramshed, Woolwich).

### **The Role**

We are seeking committed, dynamic and creative drama practitioners with significant experience of working with vulnerable children and young people and a strong interest in mental health & wellbeing. Knowledge of Special Educational Needs and experience of working with young people with diverse support needs and disabilities would be advantageous.

Working alongside the Arts Therapist and under the guidance of our Participation Manager, you will take responsibility for the planning and delivery of this programme, engaging members in a variety of arts activities and helping to support young people's development in relation to the three key areas: self-esteem, communication and social skills.

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### **Main duties:**

- To plan and deliver weekly workshops (in partnership with your arts therapist) for young people from vulnerable backgrounds
- Supporting young people in developing resilience skills through drama and arts activities
- To liaise with the Arts Therapist, Participation Manager and Support Tutor
- To support and mentor Support Tutors and Specialist Volunteers within the session, providing feedback and opportunities for development
- To act in a professional capacity to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all participants, referring to appropriate personnel when necessary
- To establish a supportive and creative working environment
- To respond appropriately to the needs of participants, ensuring that all sessions are fully accessible
- To support with tracking and evaluation of the individual progress made by participants, particularly in relation to three key areas: self-esteem, communication and social skills
- To attend paid Planning and Evaluation sessions, and Training, as appropriate.

### **Person Specification:**

#### **Essential**

- At least two years' experience as a drama practitioner or community arts tutor
- Experience of working with young people from vulnerable groups
- Ability to relate to young people including those with diverse needs
- The ability to create an inclusive and supportive environment
- Advanced and current training in Safeguarding and Child Protection
- Knowledge of evaluation and monitoring systems
- Ability to reflect on and manage your own feelings in professional settings
- Warm and friendly approach to a wide range of people
- Sensitive and compassionate to all people
- Good practice in relation to equality and diversity
- Reliable with excellent timekeeping
- Strong team member who is able to work collaboratively
- Strong organisational skills
- Strong communication skills

#### **Desirable**

- Knowledge of mental health and arts as therapy
- Experience of working with BME groups and those with English as a second language
- Experience of using multiple art forms within a participatory arts setting
- Knowledge of current thinking and research in community arts practice in relation to health and inclusion
- A knowledge of the communities of South East London

The successful candidate will be required to undertake an Enhanced Certificate from the Disclosure and Barring Service for work with children and vulnerable adults.

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## Terms and Conditions

**Fee:** £90 per (3 hour) session with 10 sessions per term / 3 terms per year  
£40 for planning and evaluation sessions

**Contract:** Freelance

**Start date:** September 2018 (with handover and planning meeting to be negotiated prior to this date)

**GLYPT is an Equal Opportunities Employer**

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