

Freelance Director – Senior Youth Theatre Programme

About GLYPT

Greenwich & Lewisham Young People's Theatre (GLYPT) has an established reputation, built over 45 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 which includes a weekly Youth Theatre programme and youth dance workshops; a supportive programme for vulnerable young people; a theatre company for adults with moderate learning difficulties and disabilities and a wide range of community groups, projects and holiday activities in partnership with other organisations. GLYPT also produces and programmes professional productions at its venue, the Tramshed in Woolwich, and delivers arts based projects and touring theatre to schools across London.

Our participatory groups meet during the school term (10 week terms).

The Role

We are seeking a creative, enthusiastic and energetic youth theatre Director with experience of working with young people. The candidate will be able to engage young people aged 12+ in supportive, inspiring and inclusive workshops.

Working under the guidance of our Participation Manager, you will take responsibility for the creative development, planning and delivery of this programme.

We are looking for someone to start in the autumn term from starting from September. The programme runs on Saturdays from 1:15pm to 3:15pm at The Tramshed, Woolwich.

Key responsibilities:

- To work alongside the Participation Manager to creatively design the programme
- To plan and deliver high quality creative, imaginative and accessible weekly sessions suitable for a diverse range of young people including directing productions
- To manage the behaviour of all young people, ensuring that they are able to achieve their full potential in a space that is safe and respectful
- To mentor, inspire and provide support to the young people within the sessions
- To work alongside, and give clear guidance and support to the support tutors and volunteers, providing constructive feedback and opportunities for them to develop in liaison with Participation Manager
- To understand, implement and adhere to GLYPT's Safeguarding policies and procedures, helping ensure that all participants are safe whilst participating in the programme
- To attend planning and evaluation sessions as appropriate
- To attend training courses as required

Person Specification:

Essential

- Experience of working creatively with young people from diverse backgrounds
- Previous experience of running a youth theatre group

- The ability to create and maintain an inclusive and supportive environment
- Warm and friendly approach to a wide range of people
- Reliable with excellent timekeeping
- A confident director
- High level of communication and interpersonal skills

Desirable

- Experience of working with BME groups and those with English as a second language
- Experience of using multiple art form skills within a participatory arts setting
- Relevant training e.g. safeguarding, special educational needs and disability, mental health awareness
- 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.

TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT

This is a fixed-term position from September 2018 – July 2019 (with the possibility of extension).

Rate of Pay: £80 per session, £40 for planning & evaluation meetings. Sessions last 2 hours

Employee Places of Work:

Main place of work: The Tramshed, 51 – 53 Woolwich New Road, London, SE18 6ES