Art Therapist/Co-ordinator

Job Information

Job title: Art Therapist/Co-ordinator

Salary: £28,000-£30,000 per annum

Based at: Impact Arts, 319 Craigpark Drive, Dennistoun, Glasgow G31 2TB

Travel: Travelling within local areas and occasionally further afield as we have office bases in Glasgow, Ayrshire and Edinburgh with reimbursement of agreed reasonable travel expenses.

Reporting to: Programme Manager

Duration of contract: 1 year

Working Hours: 37.5 hours per week over 5 days, Monday – Friday between the hours of 8.30am-5.30pm.

Essentials: Degree in Visual/Applied Art

Professional qualification in Art Therapy

Experience in delivering 1:1 Art Therapy and/or group therapy

Registration with the Health and Care Professions Council (HPOC)

Membership or willingness to join the Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme (PVG)

Desirable: Membership of the British Association of Art Therapists (BAAT) and knowledge of BAAT Code of Ethics

Experience in delivering creative activity in diverse community settings

Qualification/experience in Community Arts/Community Learning and Development

Closing date: 5pm on Wednesday 24th February 2016

Interviews: w/c 7th March 2016  Expected Start Date: April 2016
Company Values

**Quality:** Doing the very best job we can.

**Profile:** Committed to raising awareness of the role that the arts has to play in enabling and empowering social change.

**Growth:** Continuous improvement of company practices to meet increasing demand.

**Innovation:** Trying new ways of doing things – developing creative solutions for society’s big issues.

**Teamwork:** We recognize the role that we each have to play in the success of Impact Arts and our partners.

**Flexibility:** Maintaining a balance between planning future work and responding to new opportunities as they arise.
About Impact Arts

Our ambition

To be recognised as Scotland’s flagship for community arts.

Our Mission

To help people and communities transform their lives through creativity and the arts.

Who we are

Established in 1994, Impact Arts is a forward-thinking community arts organisation which uses the arts and creativity to enable and empower social change.

We consider the arts as a positive tool for change – helping people to build confidence, attain new skills, get back into work or education, source work in the creative arts, enjoy better health or simply improve quality of life. From dance to digital, our door is always open.

We work collaboratively with children, young people, older people and communities to achieve our aims. We work predominantly, but not exclusively, with vulnerable groups.

We use innovation, enterprise and creative approaches alongside outstanding delivery, sound management and a strong ethos of partnership to tackle society’s big issues.

Our talented in-house and freelance artists in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Ayrshire and beyond, ensure that our artistic programmes, exhibitions, performances and events are of the highest quality. We exist to inspire creativity in people and regenerate our communities through a deep, rewarding relationship with the arts. #artchangeslives

Our impact

How do we measure success? Is it the people engaged? The opportunities realised? The money saved? The social businesses thriving? Or is it the increased confidence in children or the commerciality of the work?

Art, in all of its guises, has the depth of appeal to reach in and influence all of these benchmarks. It can inspire brave new work, often, from the most surprising of places and individuals. At Impact Arts we find success is unequivocally about the people, the artists, the businesses, and the tutors who all combine to make an immense contribution to the ongoing benefits our charity brings to many people and communities.
Job Purpose

To provide Art Therapy to children identified and referred through the Young Gallery Art Therapy Programme, assessing children for suitability for individual therapy and providing therapy and psychotherapy interventions for children on a 1:1 basis.

Main Responsibilities:

- Initiate and implement 1:1 art therapy programmes for children referred to the Young Gallery Art Therapy programme
- Assess, develop and implement individual therapy / psychotherapy sessions in relevant art forms for children on a 1:1 basis
- Make psychological formulations, clinical judgements including risk assessments and provide recommendations for participant care
- Identify with Impact Arts the potential developments for each participant through the process of art therapy
- Joint working with the team of art therapists and other professionals where appropriate
- Effective communication with participants and other professionals, co-workers and project management
- Contribute to the ongoing development of a medical art therapy model for future use over the course of the project
- Provide reports relevant to the service as required
- Encourage participants to explore their art and think about what it means to them
- To monitor the development of the participant over the course of art therapy sessions and record the impact of the work on the young person
- To share information with Impact Arts about the participant and any disclosed information that may put the safety of the young person or anyone else involved in the case at risk
- To make the process of art therapy as transparent as possible to Impact Arts whilst remaining within the confidentiality of the art therapy framework
• To provide paperwork outlining plans, process and developments of the young person

• To ensure risk assessment and health and safety policies are followed

• To participate in training, meetings and events as required

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• To carry out any other duties appropriate to the post in line with Impact Arts’ needs

• To contribute to the overall monitoring, reporting and auditing of the Young Gallery Art Therapy Project

**To apply**

Please visit [www.impactarts.co.uk](http://www.impactarts.co.uk) to download an application form.

All completed applications should be sent to [jobs@impactarts.co.uk](mailto:jobs@impactarts.co.uk) by 5pm on Wednesday 24th February 2016. For an informal discussion about the position or if you have any questions please contact:

Rob Gallagher-Reilly, Programme Manager on 0141 575 3001.