

Art Therapist

Job Information

Job title: Art Therapist

Pay: £30,000 p/a

Based at: Impact Arts, 60 Bank Street, Irvine, KA12 0LP

Travel: From time to time travel may be required to schools in and around North Ayrshire and to Impact Arts head office in Glasgow for monthly team meetings.

Reporting to: Nicola Wood, Programme Manager

Duration of contract: Full-time, salaried contact for 12 months (NB This post is for one year with the possibility of an extension subject to funding).

Working Hours: Monday–Friday, 9am-5pm (this is flexible and may vary due to project demands).

Qualifications & Experience:

Educated to degree level in visual/applied art.

Professional qualification in art therapy.

Experience in delivering one-to-one art therapy.

Experience in delivering art therapy with children or young people.

Registration (Essential)

Membership or willingness to join Protection of Vulnerable Groups scheme (PVG) for working with children.

Registration with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).

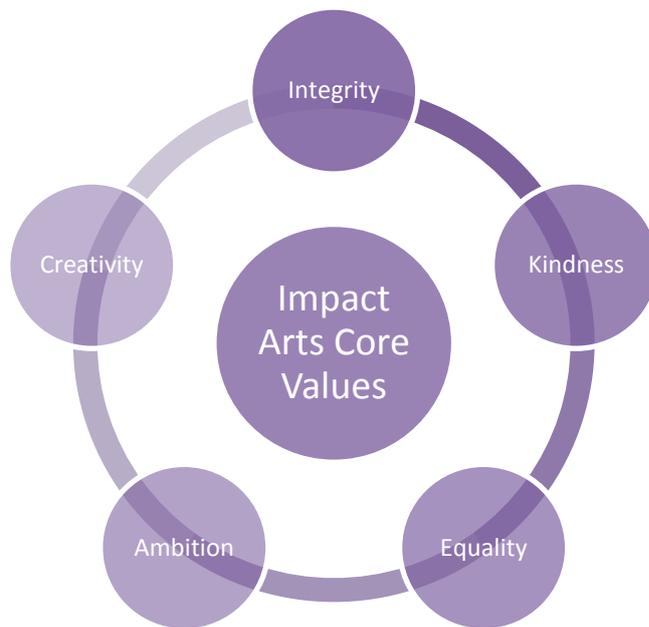
Registration (Desirable)

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

Closing date: Friday 15th February at 12noon **Interviews:** Wednesday 20th February (TBC)

Expected Start Date: W/c 25th February

Company Values





Background

Impact Arts' Young Gallery: Art Therapy project has been running for three years, offering children in the East End of Glasgow one-to-one art therapy. We are delighted to now be expanding the project, bringing it to North Ayrshire for the first time.

With support from the Robertson Trust, the Volant Charitable Trust, the Bank of Scotland Foundation and the Rayne Foundation the project has been awarded multi-year funding for one-to-one art therapy, dyadic art therapy sessions for parent/carer and child, and small group therapeutic art sessions with children in schools.

The project is specifically targeted at primary school-aged children (aged 5-12) who are:

- affected by adverse childhood experiences
- affected by drug or alcohol misuse in the family unit
- or care experienced.

The work will have an emphasis on supporting positive life transitions, e.g. from primary to secondary school.

Purpose

Impact Arts are recruiting an Art Therapist to join our art therapy team to work full-time delivering three stages of our art therapy programme:

- **Stage 2:** therapeutic art sessions with groups of between 8 and 10 children
- **Stage 3:** one-to-one art therapy with children
- **Stage 4:** dyadic art therapy with parent/carer and child

Participants will engage in the one-to-one project for 24 weekly sessions over the course of a year, each lasting approximately one hour. However, where scope and need dictate, there may be more intensive individual programmes required (for example, 2-3 times per week).

Dyadic sessions also run weekly (some sessions will be with the child with the parent/carer; some will be with the parent/carer alone).

The group-based therapeutic art programme will be split in to blocks throughout the year, working alongside local primary schools.



Main Responsibilities:

- Initiate and implement:
 - one-to-one art therapy programmes for children
 - dyadic art therapy programmes for children and their parent/carer
 - group therapeutic programmes for groups of 8-10 children.
- Assess, develop and implement individual therapy/psychotherapy sessions in relevant art forms for children on a one-to-one basis, and dyadic therapy/psychotherapy sessions for parent/carer and child.
- Make psychological formulations, clinical judgements (including risk assessments) and provide recommendations for participant care.
- Identify with the delivery team potential developments for each participant through the process of art therapy.
- Joint working with the team of art therapists and other professionals as and when appropriate.
- Effective communication with participants and other professionals, co-workers and programme managers.
- Contribute to the ongoing development of a medical art therapy model for future use over the course of the project.
- Contribute to the research and development of key referral partnerships for the art therapy programme in North Ayrshire.
- Provide reports relevant to the service as required.
- Encourage participants to explore their art and think about what it means to them.
- Monitor the development of the participant over the course of art therapy sessions and record the impact of the work on the child (and parent/carer where appropriate).
- Share information about participant(s) where appropriate with Impact Arts and relevant bodies in line with Impact Arts' child protection policies and procedures.
- Make the process of art therapy as transparent as possible to Impact Arts whilst remaining within the confidentiality of the art therapy framework.
- Provide paperwork outlining plans, process and developments of the child.
- Contribute to the overall monitoring, reporting and evaluating of the Art Therapy programme.
- Ensure risk assessment and health and safety policies are followed.
- Participate in training, meetings and events as required.
- Support and promote Impact Arts' values.
- Any other duties as appropriate to the post, in line with Impact Arts' needs.

Qualifications and Experience

- Educated to degree level in visual/applied art.
- Professional qualification in art therapy.
- Experience in delivering one-to-one art therapy.
- Experience in delivering art therapy with children or young people.
- Desirable: qualification in dyadic art therapy or the willingness to under take training

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- Desirable: experience in delivering dyadic art therapy sessions.
 - Desirable: experience in delivering art therapy with primary aged children (5-12 years).

Technical Skills and Knowledge

- Excellent technical skills in your art form.
- Competent IT skills.
- Good time management skills and ability to meet deadlines.

Personal Skills and Qualities

- Approachable and empathetic manner.
- Energy and commitment.
- Imaginative.
- Excellent communication skills with people of all ages.
- Good self-management, organisational and planning skills.
- Good time management skills and ability to meet deadlines.
- Strong team player, allowing everyone to play to strengths.

Registration

- Essential: registration with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).
- Desirable: Membership of the British Association of Art Therapists (BAAT) and knowledge of the BAAT Code of Ethics.

PVG SCHEME- Successful candidates will be required to join the PVG scheme or to apply for a PVG update.

To apply:

Please visit www.impactarts.co.uk to download an application form.

All completed applications should be sent to jobs@impactarts.co.uk by 12noon on **Friday 15th February 2019**.