

Brave Art Learning Support Assistant

Deadline for applications: 10am Wednesday 20th October

Application by application form

Interview date: Tuesday 26th October (virtual)

Purpose and overall objective of role:

To provide support for students with learning disabilities taking part in the Brave Art project. Role will include facilitating students' engagement with creative activities and leading on COVID safety measures.

Brave Art:

An inclusive arts course for people with learning disabilities in Suffolk to develop creative, life and leadership skills. This multi artform course will take place in Bury St Edmunds, Ipswich and Lowestoft, giving students opportunities to:

- Creatively express themselves
- Work towards individual learning plans
- Work with artists to develop a range of creative skills
- Develop life skills through practical group activities
- Devise, support and/or lead activities
- Make a cultural visit
- Plan and work towards a celebratory event
- Develop a portfolio of work
- Increase access to leisure / learning / employment opportunities within their communities

Outcomes:

1. Increased wellbeing for people with learning disabilities
2. Increased creative and life skills for people with learning disabilities
3. People with learning disabilities will be less isolated and more connected with their community

Main responsibilities:

- **Support students to engage with activities**
- Act as COVID marshal – ensuring all safety measures are carried out and the session runs within appropriate guidelines.

- Help create Individual Learning Plans with students and support students to complete them, documenting their progression towards achieving set creative and life skills
- Support the delivery of evaluation and monitoring procedures as agreed including regular reflection sessions after each workshop and at the end of each term.
- Develop learners' confidence and self-esteem. Ensure that each learner's contribution is recognised and valued and create a climate conducive to the learning needs of adults.
- To ensure the students are able to benefit fully from the course, when appropriate:
 - o Keep the learner focussed on the task they are working on
 - o Prompt/guide the learner
 - o Interpret instructions and information the artist presents to the group in a way that is accessible to the learner
 - o Identify any support needs that become evident through working with the learner
- Support the lead artist/tutor in the delivery of the module sessions
- Contribute to project development through personal development, best practice and attendance at meetings and training events.
- Implement Suffolk Artlink's Equality and Diversity, Safeguarding and other relevant policies in working with learners. Together with the Project Development Officers, complete a health and safety risk assessment for all activities being undertaken in the classroom, so that staff and learners are offered the maximum protection from accident and injury
- Report any issues to the Project Development Officers
- Attend Suffolk Artlink meetings as required
- Act as advocate for Suffolk Artlink and the Brave Art project during project sessions and public events
- Attend appropriate training sessions
- Provide regular feedback on progress to Project Development Officers
- Any other task agreed to be within the scope of the role as it develops

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Essential experience, knowledge and skills

Experience of working with people with learning disabilities
Excellent organisational and time management skills
Excellent communication skills
Interest in creative arts and the value of participating in arts activities
An understanding of equal opportunities issues
An ability to work as part of a team
Ability to travel to sessions

Desirable experience, knowledge and skills

Experience of person centred planning
Experience of evaluation and monitoring procedures
Full driving licence and own transport
Experience of teaching/leading workshops
Experience of working in creative arts settings

Some Conditions

Pay: £20,000 pro-rata plus pension

Hours/Contract: 22.5 hours per week
6 month fixed term contract

Report to: Project Development Officers

DBS check: The postholder will be working with vulnerable adults and will be required to undergo an Enhanced DBS check

Holidays: 5 weeks pro-rata (i.e. 56.25 hrs for 6 month contract).
Holiday must be taken outside of term time unless specifically agreed with Co-Directors

Pension: This post will be eligible for Suffolk Artlink's pension scheme

Transport: Your normal place of work will be the three locations in Lowestoft, Bury St Edmunds and Ipswich.

For any additional travel (e.g. to the Halesworth office) the mileage allowance paid will be at 42p per mile. This is for mileage in excess of travelling to your place of work. Bus or second class rail fare can be claimed where appropriate.

Location(s)

and start date: The role will begin as soon as possible with delivery of the project taking place in the below locations.

- Bury St Edmunds – Tuesdays, 9.30 – 3.30pm
- Ipswich – Wednesdays, 9.30 – 3.30pm
- Lowestoft – Thursdays, 9.30 – 3.30pm

(Students attend from 10-3pm.)

Other notes:

Due to the geographic spread of activity, we welcome applications for a job share. Please indicate in application your preference for locations/days

The Learning Support Assistant is required to attend every session with holiday to be taken outside of term time unless specifically agreed with Suffolk Artlink's Co-Directors.