

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR:

Cross the Sky Project Support Worker

The Civic, Hanson Street, Barnsley, S70 2HZ

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Service: Working with Cross The Sky Theatre Company at The Civic Barnsley

Responsible to: Cross the Sky Lead Artists

Responsible for: Cross the Sky group members

Working hours: Wednesdays 9.30am – 3.30pm

Freelance fee: £10.00 per hour - 36 sessions per year (£60 per session)

Start date: Wednesday 6 April

Cross The Sky, The Civic Barnsley's integrated theatre group, are looking for a passionate and dedicated group support worker to help us in developing the amazing people we work with each week on their theatre and music journeys. Cross The Sky is an integrated group which has been delivering their work for over 20 years. You will be joining a fun and friendly team with a passion for supporting and celebrating each individual's ability to achieve.

This is a rewarding and challenging position, which requires diligence, patience and a belief in the power of people.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

This is a freelance position. The candidate will take full responsibility for their own tax and national insurance contributions.

Application Deadline: Friday 4th March at 4pm.

Interviews will be held at The Civic: Monday 14th March.



ABOUT CROSS THE SKY:

Cross The Sky is The Civic's integrated theatre group, made up of learning disabled, or physically disabled actors and performers. The company is led by two specialist artists with significant experience and three support staff. By using a wide variety of art forms the company write and perform original songs and devise their own visual and theatre work, alongside developing their own version of song classics.

The group draw on personal experiences as their inspiration and work towards a new show which is performed at The Civic and also tours, approximately every three years.

MAIN PURPOSE OF ROLE:

You will be responsible for supporting members of the group with their physical and emotional care. This involves working as part of a team to maintain a safe, creative and fun environment that puts the health, safety and welfare of the group first.

During periods when the group are rehearsing or performing shows for the public, there will be additional working hours available, including some evenings. This is a highly rewarding and a unique opportunity to make a positive impact on the lives of an amazing group of talented people, with the chance to take part in some fantastic projects.

Over the last three years, we have performed our sell-out show Up in the Attic to over 300 people, danced with Kylie Minogue, created a dance inspired by the music of Mozart, took part in a nationwide 'doodle book project', and much more.

Using the information given, tell us why you are the best candidate for the post plus send your CV.

Email to jasonwhite@barnsleycivic.co.uk



DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To learn about the individual special needs of members
- Assisting members with their individual care needs and help meet those needs in the most appropriate way
- To build and promote good relationships and communication with group members and their families or carers
- Giving of occasional personal care, including toileting
- To attend and take an active part in all scheduled training, to acquire the necessary skills, knowledge and qualifications required to effectively fulfil the role
- To support people who use our services who may exhibit challenging behaviours, safely and supportively.
- Encouraging activity to enable group members to fulfil their full potential
- Setting up rehearsal space and clearing away the workspace
- To attend work reliably and punctually
- To be, or assist, a 'Keyworker' for an individual taking part in the sessions
- To work occasional late sessions during show rehearsal dates
- To engage in training and development as and when required.
- To uphold and comply with the organisation's policies and procedures, and the law, in relation to health and safety, financial regulations, equal opportunities and data protection as implemented for the effective and appropriate operation of the venue.

PERSON SPECIFICATION:

Essential

- Experience of working with adults with learning disabilities
- Experience of personal care work – as the role may include occasional toileting
- Experience of teamwork
- Must have a positive attitude
- Willingness to get involved with group activities
- Must have or be willing to undertake a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check
- An interest in performing arts

Desirables

- Experience in performing arts

