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RESIDENT ARTIST

Freelance Brief

ABOUT US



At St George's Hospital Charity, we believe that enabling arts and culture to thrive in our hospitals is a vital part of our work. Our arts team programme and produce high quality arts and cultural activities that transform our hospital communities, ensuring that patients, their families and staff have a positive experience of being in hospital.

Arts St George's

The arts programme at St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has been active for over 30 years. In 2019, Arts St George's became part of St George's Hospital Charity. Our participatory arts projects, art collection, exhibitions and commissions help to transform clinical environments into compassionate spaces, bringing better care and healthier lives to the patients, families, staff and the wider communities served by St George's Hospitals.

Arts St George's is small, friendly and experienced team with backgrounds in producing arts and cultural projects that span performing, visual arts and heritage. We are always open to new ideas and ways of working. The team work collaboratively with artists and partner organisations to develop new projects, initiatives, and one-off events.

St George's Hospital Charity (SGHC)

The work of St George's Hospital Charity enhances the physical environment of our hospitals for patients, staff and visitors. We give grants and raise funds to improve facilities, provide equipment, enable ground-breaking research and support staff wellbeing.

St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

St George's is one of London's biggest and busiest hospital Trusts. They provide services out of two main hospital sites (St George's Hospital in Tooting and Queen Mary's Hospital in Roehampton), as well as health centres, GP surgeries, schools and people's homes. The Trust serves a population of 3.5 million people across south London.

DESCRIPTION OF OPPORTUNITY

Contract for	Resident Artist
Reports to	Arts Coordinator
Fee	Estimated 17 days delivery @ £220 per day + planning
Contract	Fixed period freelance contract
Contract period	March 2022 – July 2022 (with potential for extension)
Place of work	St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust sites
Application deadline	Tuesday 1 February 2022 (12 noon)

Context

Our participatory arts programme encourages creative collaboration between artists and our hospital community, with a focus on learning together and creative self-expression. The artists who work on our programme are encouraged to share their artistic practice and process with participants. Through this approach we aim to support wellbeing, provide opportunities to gain new skills and confidence, bring people together and reach those who may ordinarily experience barriers to taking part in arts or cultural events.

The Resident Artists will plan and lead high-quality creative sessions with patients, their families and staff, helping improve the experience of being in hospital. They will deliver sessions in public spaces, outpatient clinics and inpatient wards across St George's University Hospitals Foundation Trust sites, encouraging people to take part where appropriate.

Fee and contract

Fees for both planning and delivery are paid at £220 per day or £120 per half day (inc. VAT).

It is estimated that the working days for this contract will breakdown approximately into 4 days delivery per month, with the artist having some flexibility to choose when they work. The days must be within the working week Monday-Friday, between the hours of 9.30 -17.30, and must work around the current programme schedule which follows the school term.

This contract is offered on a freelance basis, successful candidates will have the status of a self-employed person and will be responsible for paying their own income tax, National Insurance, pension, and other related costs.

Description of work involved

- Planning and leading in-person participatory sessions across St George's Trust, with flexibility to take sessions online if required.
- Create an atmosphere which encourages participation and allows participants to express themselves.
- Use a range of verbal and non-verbal communication skills to communicate sensitively with patients, their families and carers.
- Participating in evaluation meetings with the arts team and fellow resident artists.
- Maintaining good timekeeping and organisation.
- Reporting and collecting feedback.
- Acting as a representative of SGHC whilst at the hospital.

Successful candidates will be required to

- Complete an enhanced DBS check.
- Complete a paid induction day, including mandatory training for working in a clinical setting.
- Wear an ID badge and Arts St George's T-shirt while at the hospital.

SKILLS WE ARE LOOKING FOR

Please ensure you refer to the points below when completing the application form.

We would love to meet people who have:

- An active creative practice in any art form
- Evidence of innovative and engaging ways of working
- At least 2-years' experience as an arts practitioner
- At least 2-years' experience working in a participatory context (paid or voluntary)
- Flexible and adaptable to changing situations
- Empathetic and sensitive to a challenging environment but with the ability to maintain professional boundaries and adhere to confidentiality requirements
- Strong communication and inter-personal skills
- Proven scheduling and organisational skills
- Understanding of, and a commitment to, equal opportunities and diversity
- Access to own personal computer or laptop
- Commitment to own professional development and reflection on practice

You may also have:

- A qualification in participatory arts, visual arts, theatre studies, music or equivalent experience
- Experience as a workshop leader
- Experience of working with people with complex needs
- Experience of working with patients in a health or social care setting
- Knowledge of health and safety, infection control, and data protection policies

HOW TO APPLY



Key Application Dates

Application deadline	Tuesday 1 February 2022 (12 noon)
Interview date	Thursday 10 February 2022
Trial sessions	Wednesday 9 or Thursday 10 March 2022

To apply for this opportunity, please complete the application form and privacy notice and email to arts@stgeorges.nhs.uk with subject heading 'RESIDENT ARTIST APPLICATION' by 12 noon on Wednesday 1 February 2022.

Shortlisted applicants will then be invited for an online interview on Thursday 10 February. Please ensure you have marked this date in your diary.

Successful candidates will be appointed on completion of a paid trial session on site, covered by the set half day rate of £120 (inc. VAT).

For further information on the Arts St George's programme please refer to our webpages: <https://www.stgeorghospitalcharity.org.uk/the-difference-we-make/arts-st-georges>

St George's Hospital Charity is committed to making opportunities as accessible as possible. If you require any alterations to the application process please email arts@stgeorges.nhs.uk to discuss.